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OF

THE GRAND

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OF PENNSYLVANIA

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THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1911

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
MARCH 2, 1911, A. I. 2441.

PRESENT:

Comp.	A. G. Criswell Smith,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, P.G.H.P.	*acting M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Stockton Bates,	*assistant M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Horace F. Fuller,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Samuel Laughlin,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Charles S. Bair,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	E. Marshall Harvey,	as *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	Howard M. Brown,	as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Joseph B. Garwood	as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn,	*Grand Tyler.*

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District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, John C. Taylor, J. Howard S. Barnes, Wayne J. Pennell, John B. Sprenkel, Frederick W. Ulrich, David J. Davis, Henry L. Moore, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, Arthur W. Gillan, George W. Vernes, Porter W. Lowry, Edward Hope, John A. Armstrong, Allan W. Urmson, Peter Barkey, Charles E. Cooper.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Ezra S. Bartlett, Edward B. Spencer, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Samuel Shaw, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" Fred Paul Siher, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" Franklin P. Mason, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" John A. Perry, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
" Samuel W. Wray, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Charles F. Wignall, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" Ezra S. Bartlett, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" Charles Cary, of Grand Chapter of New York.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" Peter Barkey, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" William A. Sinn, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
" Samuel Laughlin, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 163, 164, 165, 169, 173, 175, 176, 177, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 208, 214, 215, 216, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270, 271, 273, 275, 283, 284, 291. (59 Chapters.) (136 members.) (23 visitors.)

M. E. Companion William H. Grosscup, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey, and Excellent Companion EDWARD A. KRAUSSMAN, Grand Representative of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, honored the Grand Chapter with their presence.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Tuesday, December 27, 1910, were read and approved.

M. E. Companion CHARLES CARY was duly installed Grand Secretary, proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

Copy of proposed By-Laws from Chapter No. 176, and copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 3, 163, 193, 233, 240, 251, 256, 262, 280 and 284 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

QUARTERLY REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, February 24, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from November 21, 1910, to February 23, 1911, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$ 9,861 75	
" Interest on Investments	178 75	
" Certificates	8 00	
		$10,048 50
To which add balance November 21, 1910		2,315 08
		$12,363 58

EXPENDITURES.

Extra appropriation to the M. E. Grand High Priest	$ 250 00	
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	750 00	
Salaries	862 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	128 30	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,162 20	
Jewel	125 00	
Investment, $1,000 Lake Shore & Mich. So. R. R., First Mtg. 3½ per cent., at 89 and interest	895 15	
Investment, $1,000.00 Phila. & Erie Gen'l 5's First Mtg. at $105⅛ and interest	1,096 94	
	$ 5,270 09	
To which add balance February 23, 1911	7,093 49	
		$12,363 58

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
JOHN A. PERRY,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 1911.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and amendments referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 3, 163, 193, 233, 240, 251, 256, 262, and 284 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 280, be amended by striking out the word "forty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty," and that, as so amended, it be approved, and that the Chapter be directed to further amend its By-Laws by providing for a "permanent fund" as per Article X of the approved form of By-Laws.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 176, be amended as follows: Provide a new section in Article II, to be known as Section 2, viz.: "Extra meetings are called for installation of Officers or conferring of Degrees," and make proposed Section 2, Section 3.

Amend Article III, Sec. 2; 2d line, by striking out the word "to" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "in."

Add to Article III, Sec. 5, as given in the approved form of By-Laws.

Amend Article IV, Sec. 1, 2d line, by striking out the word "may" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall," and also inserting the article "a" before the word "Chaplain."

Amend Article IV, Sec. 2, by adding the word "respectively" at the end of the second line.

Amend Article IV, Sec. 6, by striking out the words "their successors and assigns."

Amend Article IX, Sec. 1, by striking out "30" and inserting in lieu thereof "50" and inserting after the word "years" in the third line, the words "the sum of $15.00," and by striking out of Sections 1 and 2 the words "except Grand Chapter Dues," wherever they appear, and that, as so amended the proposed By-Laws be approved.

Fraternally yours,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM, *Chairman*,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 2, 1911.

A. G. C. Smith, Esq.,
M. E. Grand High Priest, Etc.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the proceedings

of the Grand Holy Arch Chapter for the year 1910, were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, Williams & Marcus Company.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, *Chairman,*
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 91, 150, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 171, 173, 175, 176, 177, 187, 189, 191, 192, 201, 203, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 216, 217, 218, 220, 221, 222, 224, 225, 230, 241, 242, 245, 249, 251, 252, 258, 259, 261, 263, 264, 266, 268, 269, 271, 273, 274, 276, 277, 280, 283, 285, 289, 290, 291, 292, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee of Charity presented the following report, which was received, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 1911.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The attention of the Committee on Charity has been called to the needy condition of the widow of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. After careful investigation, your Committee find that she is entirely without means, at times requires medical attention and is a very worthy woman.

Your committee deem it proper and necessary that the Grand Chapter take such action as will relieve her necessities and afford her comfort and relief in her declining years, and to this end we therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and is hereby authorized

to draw his warrants for a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00), said sum to be drawn at such times and in such amounts as may be suggested by the Committee on Charity.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. POORE,
HENRY STRUITZ,
For the Committee.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion WILEY JAMES TINNIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. Died November 24, 1910.

M. E. Companion FRANK N. CLARK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died December 19, 1910.

M. E. Companion RICHARD HUSTED PARKER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York. Died January 3, 1911.

M. E. Companion CALEB LITTLEFIELD BRIGGS KNIGHT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island. Died January 7, 1911.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM H. EVANS, Deputy Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died January 28, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and

the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., acting as Worshipful Master.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

On the invitation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. GROSSCUP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey, and R. E. Companion EDWARD A. KRAUSSMAN, Grand Representative of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, each addressed Grand Chapter in pleasing and courteous speeches of acknowledgment.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
JUNE 8, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

PRESENT:

Comp.	A. G. Criswell Smith,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Winfield S. Bell	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates,	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Samuel Laughlin,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Charles S. Bair,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	John W. Lansinger,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	Joseph F. Cummings	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Robert A. Walker	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, J. Howard S. Barnes, Wayne J. Pennell, John B. Sprenkel, Frederick W. Ulrich, Henry L. Moore, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, Arthur W. Gillan, Henry M. Kinsel, George W. Vernes, Edward Hope, John A. Armstrong, Charles E. Cooper.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Ezra S. Bartlett, Edward B. Spencer, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom.

Grand Representatives, Companions

Franklin P. Mason, of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.
George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
John A. Perry, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.

William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
Charles F. Wignall, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
Ezra S. Bartlett, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
Peter Barkey, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
Louis Wagner, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
Samuel Laughlin, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
Winfield S. Bell, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 163, 165, 169, 171, 173, 174, 175, 182, 183, 197, 198, 201, 202, 208, 216, 220, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 251, 256, 258. 262, 266, 267, 284. (40 Chapters.) (90 members.) (21 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 2, 1911, were read and approved.

M. E. Companion Winfield S. Bell was duly installed M. E. Grand Scribe, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 234, 240 and 277 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Philadelphia, May 26, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the

M. E. Grand Secretary, from February 23, 1911 to May 26, 1911, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$ 403 75	
" Interest on investments	450 00	
" Interest on bank balances	39 21	
" Certificates	8 00	
" Dispensation	1 00	
		$ 901 96
To which add balance Fcbruary 23, 1911		7,093 49
		$7,995 45

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	$ 750 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	157 05	
Salaries	862 50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	126 65	
Clothing and Furniture	16 00	
Charity	50 00	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00	
	$2,962 20	
To which add balance May 26, 1911	5,033 25	
		$7,995 45

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

JUNE 8, 1911.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report, that they have examined the Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters No. 234 and 277 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 240, Article IX, Sec. 1, be approved, and that Article IV, Sec. 1, be amended by striking out the word "six" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two," and that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
Committee.

Companion JOHN E. POORE, Chairman of the Committee on Charity, returned the thanks of the recipient for aid rendered by The Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania made the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, June 8, 1911.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that after a careful reading of the letter-press they find still certain inaccuracies that should be corrected before the final publication and they therefore offer the following amendments:

Amend Article III, Section 3, by striking out the words "or the High Priest thereof," on the third and fourth lines of said section.

Amend Article IV, Section 1, by adding the words "It may also meet in Special or Extra Communications by order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest."

Amend Article XII, Section 1, by striking out the words after Section 1, down to and including the words "on a circular band," on the twenty-third line from the top of page 31 of the new Constitution, and substituting the words:

"The Jewels of the various Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively, as follows, viz.:

"Of the Grand High Priest, a Jewish Mitre with the Triple Tau in front.

"Of the Grand King, a Royal Crown.

"Of the Grand Scribe, a Turban.

"Of the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

"Of the Grand Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens.

"Of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.

"Of the Grand Chaplains, the Bible.

"Of the Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with Drawn Sword.

"Of the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.

"Of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Cross-hilted Swords, crossed, the hilts on the lower part of the Triangle.

"Of the Grand Masters of the Vails, a Cross-hilted Sword, point downward.

"Of the Grand Marshal, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons.

"Of the Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Wands.

"Of the Grand Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet.

"Of the Grand Tyler, Crossed Sabres, hilts resting on the lower part of the Triangle.

"Each of these Jewels, except those of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, shall be placed on an Equilateral Triangle, each side of the Triangle to be three inches long, and three-eighths of an inch wide, placed on a circular band three-eighths of an inch wide."

Strike out the words "All the jewels shall be gilt," at the end of said section, and insert the words:

"The Jewels of the Grand Officers shall be gilt.

"The Jewels of the Subordinate Chapters shall be the same as for the Officers of the Grand Chapter, except the circular band which shall be omitted.

"The Jewel of the Guide shall be a Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons.

"The Jewel of the Past High Priests shall be a Seven-pointed Star, one inch wide, placed upon an Equilateral Triangle."

Amend Section 3, by striking out the word "ribbed" on the third line, and substituting therefor:

"Moire antique" * * * * "measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two and one-half inches at the neck. The collar to be made of blue moire antique silk with scarlet borders; the scarlet to be seven-eighths of an inch wide

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at the widest part, and border the outer and inner edges, tapering with the collar to one-half an inch at the neck."

Further amend said section by inserting after the word "wide" on the third line, the words "The collar shall be." Insert after the word "edge" on the second line, page 33 of the new Constitution, the words: "It shall be lined with purple and be furnished with a gilt swivel to which shall be attached the jewel of the office."

Further amend Section 3 by striking out the words "ribbed" and "four" on the fourth line of page 33, substituting therefor the words "moire antique" and "three and one-half." Insert after the word "wide" on the fifth line, the words "measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck." Strike out the word "Jewels" on the seventh line of said section, page 33, and insert the word "Jewel." Add the word "the" after the word "of" and before the word "Past," on the same line.

Amend Section 4, by adding the word "the" after the word "of" on the first line of said section, and before the word "Mark." Further amend said section by adding after the words "an inch wide." On the fifteenth line of said section: "Of the Treasurer, Crossed Keys. Of the Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens. Of the Chaplain, the Bible. Of the Guide, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons. Of the Masters of Ceremonies, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Wands. Of the Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet. Of the Tyler, the same as for the Chapter."

Amend Section 5, by striking out the words "ribbed" and "four" and "having scarlet borders one inch wide, and a blue centre two inches wide," and substituting therefor the words "moire antique" and "three and one-half" and "Measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck. The Collar to be made of blue moire antique silk and to have a scarlet border on the outer and inner edges of the Collar, seven-eighths of an inch at its widest point, tapering with the collar to one-half an inch at the neck."

Amend Section 7, fifteenth line on Page 37 of the new Constitution by inserting after the word "having" the words "the form of" and on the seventeenth line after the words "In the" insert the word "triangular," and further amend said section by striking out on the same line the words, "appropriate figures are to be stamped in gold," and inserting the words, "there shall be stamped the following six symbols, placed alternately four times from left to right, viz.: Jewish Mitre—Royal Crown—Turban—Holy Bible—Equilateral Triangle with a Yod in the center—Spade, Pick and Crow, interlaced. The Symbols to be stamped in gold."

Further amend said Section by inserting on the twenty-second line, between the words "scarlet" and "one-half, etc.," the words "arranged helically." Strike out the word "ornamental" on the twenty-seventh line and substitute therefor the word "oval" and after the word "gold" insert the words "four inches by two and one-quarter inches." And after the words "Holiness to the Lord" the words "in three rows, the top row having the word "HOLINESS" in letters three-eighths of an inch high, the middle row having the words "TO THE" in letters one-quarter of an inch high and in the bottom row the word "LORD" in letters one-half an inch high."

Further amend Section 7 by striking out the words beginning on the seventh line on page 38 "Masters" to and including "Guide" and substituting therefor the words:

"The Crowns of the Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be of gilt morocco, except the semi-circular frontlet, and be of the same shape and size as those of the Officers of the Subordinate Chapters. The semi-circular frontlet shall have the color appropriate to the Office for which the Crown is designated, and the oval in front of the Crown to be a gilt metallic plate, with 'Holiness to the Lord' engraved thereon."

Further amend said Section by adding after the word "frontlet" on the twenty-seventh line on page 38, the words "but having a scarlet binding on the lower edge."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee appointed at the December Quarterly in re Chapter No. . . . made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8, 1911.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee appointed at the December Quarterly of Grand Chapter "to investigate the conditions said to require such investigation, existing or said to exist in Chapter No. , and report not later than the Quarterly Communication in June next" respectfully submits the following report:

All the Minute Books and Ledgers of the Chapter were submitted to us, and from these we have been enabled to formulate the following violations

of Constitutional Law, violations of the By-Laws of Chapter No. , and violations of precedent having the effect of law:

We find that Article XIV, Section 31, page 49 of the new Constitution, and page 42 of the old Constitution, which, identical in wording, says that "the fees for all degrees petitioned for shall be paid before any degree is conferred" has been violated by the Chapter in admitting members without the payment of any fee.

Schedule No. 1 shows the specific instances in which this clause of the Constitution was violated.

Section 31 was further violated by conferring the Degrees on Companions without the payment of any fee, or only a portion thereof, either the whole fee or the balance thereof having been collected at a later date.

Schedule No. 2 shows the specific violations of this clause of the Constitution.

We found that the receipts given by the Treasurer for moneys paid him by the Secretary do not, in a number of instances, agree with the amount reported collected as shown on the Minutes.

Schedule No. 3 shows the specific instances with the amounts.

The Unwritten Law of the Grand Chapter was violated at the very beginning of the Chapter's history by its having borrowed the money with which its clothing and furniture were purchased.

Schedule No. 4 shows this to be the fact by extracts made from the Minutes of the Chapter, confirmed by Ledger accounts, showing credits for moneys advanced.

Article VI of the By-Laws of Royal Arch Chapter No. has been repeatedly violated in admitting to membership without the payment of the fee as provided.

Schedule No. 5 shows the specific violations of this Article of the By-Laws.

Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws of Chapter has been violated repeatedly. This Article and Section provides that "No member shall be entitled to vote, nor be eligible to any office, until his dues shall have been paid in full to the St. John's day next succeeding such election, unless the same shall have been remitted by a vote of the Chapter."

Schedule No. 6 shows the specific violations of this Article and Section.

We find that the Ledger shows credits to the members, which credits are not entered on the Minutes as having been received from said members, which forces us to one of two conclusions; either that the money

collected was not turned over to the Treasurer, or else members have been credited with moneys which were not collected. The amount aggregates $144.75.

Schedule No. 7 shows the specific instances.

We attach to this report Schedule No. 8, which shows the names of the members of Chapter No. who were in arrears as of December 27, 1910. Forty-three members owed $289.63.

The General Return from Chapter No. for the year 1910 shows the membership as of that date to be 115. Of this number forty-three members were in arrears to the Chapter as shown on the previous Schedule.

Schedule No. 9 shows the list of members who were not in arrears as shown by the books as of that date.

We attach Schedule No. 10, showing a list of the names of members who have been credited on the Ledger with items other than cash, such as dues remitted, refund of loan, and remitted for services of Tyler, Treasurer and Secretary.

Schedule No. 11 gives a list of members whose Petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved and who had received one or more of the Capitular Degrees in 1910.

From these various lists, it appears that the membership is 112, whereas the General Return shows 115.

From the foregoing facts, your Committee is forced to the conclusion that the Officers of the Chapter, particularly the several High Priests and the Secretary, violated the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, as well as the By-Laws of Chapter No. .

The Minute Books and Ledgers show that the Secretary has violated the provisions of the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and Section 4, Article III, and Section 4, Article IV, of the By-Laws of Chapter No. .

The seriousness of these charges, which are substantiated by the books of the Chapter, has determined the Committee to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this report be received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
STOCKTON BATES,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 194, 204 and 293.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 286 asking permission to receive a fourth petition from Brother ....., who was thrice rejected in Chapter No. ..., Chapter No. ... and in Chapter No. ..., whereupon it was, on motion duly made and seconded, resolved that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition was received from a number of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter to be held at McDonald, Washington County, Pennsylvania, to be called Darius R. A. Chapter, No. 294.

On motion duly made and seconded the petition was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Philip H. Poindexter, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Montana. Died February 26, 1911.

M. E. Companion Henry Emerson Palmer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died April 2, 1911.

M. E. Companion Thomas H. Williams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died April 24, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose

of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion J. Waelder McMullen.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and thirty minutes P. M.

Charles Cary,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
SEPTEMBER 7, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

PRESENT:

Comp.	A. G. Criswell Smith,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	William B. Meredith, P.G.H.P.	*acting M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates,	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. William B. Chalfant,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Clarence H. Woolston,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Samuel Laughlin,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Charles S. Bair,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	John W. Lansinger,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	Joseph F. Cummings,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Robert A. Walker	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, John C. Taylor, J. Howard S. Barnes, Wayne J. Pennell, John B. Sprenkel, Frederick W. Ulrich, David J. Davis, Henry L. Moore, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, Henry M. Kinsel, Porter W. Lowry, Edward Hope, John A. Armstrong Charles E. Cooper.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" EZRA S. BARTLETT, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 169, 173. 175, 182, 183, 185, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 208, 218, 223, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 252, 256, 262, 266, 267, 270, 273, 277, 283, 284, 291. (48 Chapters.) (110 members.) (7 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 8, 1911, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapters No. 209 and 280, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from May 26, 1911 to August 31, 1911, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters	$ 30 95	
" Interest on Investments	196 25	
" Warrant	200 00	
" Certificates	4 00	
		$ 431 20
To which add balance May 26, 1911		5,033 25
		$5,464 45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$ 862 50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,100 32	
Telephone Service	24 75	
Clothing and Furniture	1 35	
Charity Committee	50 00	
		$2,038 92
To which add balance August 31, 1911		3,425 53
		$5,464 45

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions attached thereto were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 209 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed addition of Article XI, to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 280, be approved.

As the proposed Amendment to Article VI, Section 2, was approved by the Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication held March 2d last, action cannot be taken on it at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 7, A. D. 1911.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending on December 27, 1910, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1909, as per last report		30,705
Admitted during the year 1910	114	
Restored to Membership	58	
Marked, etc.	1,829	2,001
Total		32,706

Deduct.

Died during the year 1910	501	
Resigned, or Membership ceased	186	
Suspended or Expelled	324	1,011
Membership, December 27, 1910, per returns		31,695

A net gain of	990
Rejected during 1910	89
Restored to G. M. S.	16

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1909		450
Admitted	2	
Marked	1	3
Total		453

Deduct.

Died during the year 1910	26	
Resigned	1	
Suspended	1	28
Membership December 27, 1910, per returns		425

Number of Chapters, December 27, 1910	134
Number of Mark Lodges	3

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1910.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem	41	2	13	2	9	619
21	Perseverance	23		4		1	283
43	.....	16	1	5	1		335
52	Harmony	50	2	23	2	18	1,242
91	Columbia	32	2	13	6	6	703
150	Washington	21		6	1	4	267
152	Reading	7	1	4		10	238
159	Schuylkill	2					48
161	Union	11	1	6	39		202
162	Zerubbabel	32	8	12	2	15	1,141
163	LaFayette	7				1	136
164	Brownsville	5		7		2	144
165	Union	4	9	3			217
166	Mount Moriah	8	2	2		9	100
167	Eureka	4	5	2	1		146
169	Philadelphia	21	1	9	5	1	282
170	Delta	11	1	4		9	339
171	St. John's	11		1	1		130
172	Temple	4		4	1		112
173	Easton	27	2	6	4	5	299
174	Northumberland ..	13		2		1	126
175	Keystone	46	6	15	4	8	612
176	George Washington.	28		1	1		140
177	Tamaqua	10		2	1		74
178	Catawissa	3		2			36
179	Eureka	8		1		2	160
180	Warren	5			1	1	43
181	Lilly	5		2	1		137
182	Shekinah	7	4	8	3	12	364
183	Oriental	52	2	24	7	29	1,185
185	Lackawanna	13	2	9	3	13	444
186	Lewistown	2					103
187	Oriental	1					93
189	Mountain	13	1	6		7	353
190	Norristown	16	2	9	1		411
191	Solomon	4			3	1	96

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
192	Urania	27		6	2		333
193	Duquesne	47	3	17		7	903
194	Tioga		2				69
195	Portage	27	1	2	2	4	216
196	Mountain City	9					171
197	Weidle	15		2		2	160
198	Phœnix	8		3		2	231
199	Howell	18		4	1	7	245
200	Columbus	1	1	1	3		93
201	Standing Stone	8		4	1	2	102
202	Howell	9	1				138
203	Allen	12		4			287
204	Anthony Wayne	2		1			82
205	Factoryville	3		2			76
206	Harmony	17		1			183
207	Aaron	6	3		1		77
208	Germantown	25	3	8		4	307
209	Samuel C. Perkins.			1			74
210	Great Bend	1	2		1		36
211	Venango	7	1	1	1		231
212	Mound	14	1	2	1		182
214	Valley	3					86
215	Temple	51	2	4	4		380
216	Zinzendorf	5		2	1	2	100
217	Allegheny	16		17	1	4	769
218	Bloomsburg	7	1	3	1	1	90
219	Griscom	5		2	1		103
220	Fort Washington	11			2	2	70
221	Tremont	3		3	1		81
222	Lycoming	32	2	5	3		414
223	Oxford	3		2			106
224	Corinthian	1	1	3			126
225	Jefferson	10		3	1		270
226	Siloam	14	4	6	1	4	267
227	Emporium	3					99
228	Clearfield	4	1	2			179
230	Elk	5	4	1	4	5	136
232	St. John	7		10		8	272
233	Kensington	19		21	2	1	529
234	Media	4	2				115
235	Occidental	8			1		162
236	Oil City	20	1	1	3		248

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
237	Excelsior	11	1	8	2		460
238	Newport	4		1			64
239	Danville	2					83
240	Palestine	40	3	10	6	4	581
241	Bellefonte	5		2	2	2	95
242	Pittston	10	1	2		14	153
243	T. B. Freeman....	47	5	10	4	8	810
244	Norman	8		4	1	2	184
245	Abington	13	3	1		2	121
246	Warrior Run	7		2			138
247	Orient	13		4		1	256
248	Temple	24	1	9	4	8	291
249	Monongahela	1		2	1	1	196
250	Corinthian	11	2	7	2		355
251	Signet	23	3	2	2	6	232
252	Mizpah			3	1		93
254	Arnold						37
255	Bedford	3		1		1	83
256	University	56	6	7	7	7	637
257	Shiloh	13	1	14		6	584
258	Chester	16	2	6	1	2	369
259	Eden	7		2			173
260	Bradford	4	3	2	4	6	282
261	Troy	17		4		1	78
262	Montgomery	10	1	2		1	208
263	Coudersport	4	2		1	1	81
264	Shamokin	3		2			144
265	Westfield	4		2	2	1	35
266	Good Samaritan ..	16				2	115
267	Coatesville	8		4			157
268	Pittsburgh	24		10		4	500
269	Ulysses	5	1	1			38
270	Doylestown	8					123
271	Pottstown	28					186
272	Hebron	7		1			87
273	Butler	11	1	4	1	8	213
274	Bangor	3		1	1		95
275	Kennett	6		1	1		61
276	The Susquehanna..	5		1		4	73
277	Hazleton	11		1	1	2	166
278	Catasauqua	10	2		1		145
279	Kane	6		1			88

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Susp.	Memb.
280	Cyrus	34	1	2		2	301
281	Monroe	7	1	2			114
282	McKeesport	30		1	2		455
283	Connellsville	7	4	1	1		132
284	Melita	75	3	3	3		559
285	Wilkinsburg	28	8	2	4	6	287
286	Bellevue	22	1	6	1	1	219
287	Nanticoke	2					33
288	Mizpeh	16				2	182
289	Valley	22					124
290	Monessen	14					116
291	Ezra	6		1	1		76
292	Slatington	12					43
293	Amity		26				26
		1,829	172	501	186	324	31,695

The M. E. Grand High Priest, after a feeling tribute to the late District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion George W. Vernes, announced the appointment of Companion Henry Hipple, of Lock Haven, for District No. 11, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters No. 194, of Tioga County, and No. 261, of Bradford County.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Young A. Wright, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. Died May 12, 1911.

M. E. Companion Charles D. Blanchard, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died June 21, 1911.

M. E. Companion GEORGE R. TURNER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died July 19, 1911.

M. E. Companion HENRY CLAY LARRABEE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died July 29, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by M. E. Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Past High Priest of St. John Royal Arch Chapter No. 232.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
DECEMBER 7, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

PRESENT:

Comp.	A. G. Criswell Smith	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Winfield S. Bell	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. William B. Chalfant, D.D.,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Thompson P. Ege, D.D.	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Samuel Laughlin	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Charles S. Bair	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	John W. Lansinger	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby	*Grand Marshal.*
"	Robert D. Cole	*as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Robert A. Walker	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Paul J. Pontius, John C. Taylor, John B. Sprenkel, Frederick W. Ulrich, David J. Davis, Henry L. Moore, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, Arthur W. Gillan, Henry M. Kinsel, Henry Hipple, Porter W. Lowry, Edward Hope, William J. Poschmann, Irvin K. Hockley, Allan W. Urmson, Peter Barkey, Charles E. Cooper.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Edward B. Spencer, Henry Oscar Kline, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Samuel Shaw, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" William M. Donaldson, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
" Fred Paul Sher, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" Franklin P. Mason, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" Henry Oscar Kline, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" Charles E. Cooper, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" David M. Kinzer, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Isaac N. Grubb, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
" Charles F. Wignall, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" John McKain, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Peter Barkey, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" Louis Wagner, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" Samuel Laughlin, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
" Winfield S. Bell, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 159, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 217, 218, 220, 222, 224, 225, 226, 227, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252,, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 271, 273, 275, 276, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 291, 294. (117 Chapters.) (232 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 7, 1911, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 294 and 91, 195, 208 and 267 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 7, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Third Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 91, Series J, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, Principal due December 31, 1912; interest due January 1 and July 1	$1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, Principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	$500	Certificate No. 251, Series E, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, Principal due December 31, 1912; interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 550, Series G, City of Philadelphia, 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, Principal due December 31, 1914, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, Principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
			Forward	$4,500 00

Over				$4,500 00
One	(1)	$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, Principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificates 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, Principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, Principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Reading Company Jersey Central Collateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, Principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Two	(2)	$1000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, Principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Gold, 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, Principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage, 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, Principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Bond, Borough of Sheraden, Allegheny County, 5 per cent., No. 5 Funding Bond, Series H, Principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (Principal Registered)	1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, Principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
Forward				$32,000 00

Over			$32,000 00
One	(1)	$1000 Bond, Philadelphia & Erie General 5 per cent (now First Mortgage) No. 11233, Principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00
		Making total par value	$33,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1910.			
December	6.	Five (5) coupons, $20 each, Reading General 4s, due January 1, 1911	$100 00
1911.			
January	3.	Checks—City Loan 3 per cent. $3,500—$52.50; 3½ per cent. $1,500—$26.50	78 75
April	4.	Five (5) coupons, $20 each, Pennsylvania Company 4s, due April 1, 1911	100 00
		Five (5) coupons, $20 each, Reading Company, Jersey Central, 4s, due April 1, 1911	100 00
		Check, Philadelphia & Erie, General Mortgage, 5 per cent., due April 1, 1911	25 00
		Check, Electric & Peoples 4s, due April 1, 1911	100 00
April	4.	Two (2) coupons, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railroad 4s, due May 1, 1911	40 00
		One (1) coupon, Borough of Sheraden 5s, due May 1, 1911	25 00
May	1.	Check, Pennsylvania Railroad Gold 4s, due May 1, 1911	60 00
June	1.	Check, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway 3½s, due June 1, 1911	17 50
July	1.	Five (5) coupons, $20 each, Reading Coal & Iron Co.	100 00
	25.	Check, City Loan ($41.25 and $37.50) on 3 per cents., $52.50 on 3½ per cents., $26.50	78 75
October	3.	Check, Electric & Peoples 4s, due October 1, 1911	100 00
Forward			$925 00

Over			$925 00
October	11.	Check, Philadelphia & Erie 5s, due October 1, 1911	25 00
	11.	Five (5) coupons, Reading Company, Jersey Central 4s	100 00
		Five (5) coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4s	100 00
November	2.	Check, Pennsylvania Railroad, Gold 4s	60 00
		One (1) coupon, Borough of Sheraden	25 00
		Two (2) coupons, $20 each, Market Street Elevated Railroad Co.	40 00
			$1,275 00

All of which was paid over to the M. E. Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Henry Williams,
Edward Perry,
Charles Chipman,
Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Philadelphia, November 25, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from September 1, 1911, to November 21, 1911, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$1,952 05	
Interest on Investments	450 00	
Certificates	2 00	
Interest on Deposits	49 65	
	$2,453 70	
To which add balance September 1, 1911	3,425 53	
Total		$5,879 23

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	$1,500 00	
Rent	1,650 00	
Salaries	862 50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	259 77	
Telephone Service	25 00	
	4,297 27	
To which add balance on November 21, 1911	1,581 96	
		$5,879 23

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
W. M. DONALDSON,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 25, 1911.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the Accounts and Securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of $33,000.00, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1911, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$12,248 50	
Interest on Investments	1,275 00	
Interest on Deposits	88 86	
Certificates	22 00	
Dispensations	1 00	
Warrants	200 00	
	$13,835 36	
To which add balance November 20, 1910	2,315 08	
		$16,150 44

EXPENDITURES.

Extra appropriation for Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest, 1910	$ 250 00	
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	1,319 25	
Rent	1,650 00	
Salaries	3,450 00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,615 04	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00	
Clothing and Furniture	17 35	
Telephone Service	49 75	
$1,000.00 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. 1st Mtg. 3½ per cent., at 89 and interest	895 15	
$1,000.00 Phila. & Erie Gen'l 5s, 1st Mtg., at 105⅛ and interest	1,096 94	
Charity	100 00	
Jewel	125 00	
	$14,568 48	
To which add balance November 21, 1911	1,581 96	
		$16,150 44

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last report showed a balance of	$ 1,435 15	
Add interest to March 1, 1911	14 17	
Add interest to September 1, 1911	14 52	
		$1,463 84
Order No. 1, favor F. W. Orwan, Committee in case of the Austin Dam sufferers		$350 00
Balance of this fund in hands of Grand Treasurer		$1,113 84

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1912:

Balance on hand	$1,581 96

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$12,000 00	
Interest on Investments	1,275 00	
Constitutions, Dispensations, etc	25 00	
		$13,300 00
		$14,881 96

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	$3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	1,300 00	
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00	
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary	2,000 00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,200 00	
Grand Tyler	250 00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	2,100 00	
Expenses of Instruction in the Work	100 00	
Rent	1,650 00	
Clothing and Furniture	100 00	
Investments	2,000 00	
		14,700 00
Estimated balance		$ 181 96

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby

authorized, to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates, as they may become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
W. M. DONALDSON,
JOHN A. PERRY,
Committee.

It was, on motion, resolved that the resolution attached to the above report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1911.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 294 and the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 195, 208 and 267, and offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That the proposed code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 294 be returned to it and the Chapter be recommended to adopt a code of By-Laws in conformity to the form provided by the Grand Chapter.

2. *Resolved,* That the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 195 be returned to it and the Chapter be recommended to adopt a code of By-Laws in conformity to the form provided by the Grand Chapter.

3. *Resolved,* That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters No. 91, 208 and 267 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
HENRY W. SMITH,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 7, 1911.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing beg leave to report that Messrs. Williams and Marcus Company, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1910, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

The contract for printing the Revised Constitution, which had been awarded in 1910 to the same firm, is still uncompleted, due to the fact that the Grand Chapter must act on some amendments which were introduced after the contract was awarded and it was deemed inadvisable to print until the amendments had been finally acted upon.

The expenditure of $1,615.04 for printing, postage and stationery for the year, includes the cost of printing the Proceedings and their distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, *Chairman,*
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
MURRAY GORGAS,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, in a touching tribute to the worth and services of the deceased, announced the death of Rev. WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D., Grand Chaplain of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and of Companion WILLIAM A. SINN, late Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rev. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., spoke in memory of Companion Rev. WILLIAM B. WOOD, and Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS in memory of Companion WILLIAM A. SINN.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	A. G. Criswell Smith	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Winfield S. Bell	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Charles Cary	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

To enable the M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Winfield S. Bell, to spend an uninterrupted vacation in the South, he was installed M. E. Grand Scribe, was duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The consideration of the proposed Amendments to the Constitution was then taken up, and, on motion duly made and seconded, further consideration was laid over until the Quarterly Communication in December, 1911.

M. E. Companion Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, was pleased to visit the Grand Chapter, and was received with the customary honors.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 246 asking permission to receive a fourth petition from

Brother ....., who was thrice rejected in said Chapter, whereupon it was, on motion duly made and seconded, resolved that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

The proposed Amendment to the Constitution in Article X was then considered, and, on motion duly made and seconded, further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

The proposed Amendment to Article XVIII, by adding Section 9, was then considered and adopted.

The proposed Amendments to the Constitution offered by the committee appointed to revise and amend it were then considered and adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions in writing were received, when, a point of order being raised, the M. E. Grand High Priest directed that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"We, the undersigned, desire to submit and propose the following Amendments to the Constitution of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, to wit.:

"1. *Resolved*, That the first paragraph of Section 1, Article VII, be amended by inserting in the fourth line after the words 'Most Excellent Master' the words 'Past Master.'

"2. *Resolved*, That Section 1, Article X, be amended by the insertion of the following words: 'Conferring the Past Master's Degree on each person, fifty cents.'

"3. *Resolved*, That Section 30, Article XIV, be amended by inserting in the second paragraph the words 'For the Past Masters' Degree, $10.00.'

"4. *Resolved,* That Section 1, Article XVII, be amended by striking out the words in the first paragraph thereof 'A Past Master either by election or dispensation.'

5. *Resolved,* That Section 7, Article XVII, be amended by inserting after the words 'Most Excellent Master Mason' the words 'Or a Past Master Mason.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES S. WOOD, Chapter No. 3,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN,
ROBERT MILLER, JR.,
CHARLES C. JUDD,
FRANCIS J. CALLAHAN, Chapter 251,
GEORGE J. SCHAEFER.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion RUFUS HIRAM KINNEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada. Died August 26, 1911.

R. E. Companion JOHN M. RAMSEY, Past Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Montana. Died September 24, 1911.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama. Died September 16, 1911.

Companion Rev. WILLIAM PELAN, Excellent Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. Died September 21, 1911.

The following certificate was presented and read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1911.

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, ESQ.,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION:—At the stated meeting of Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter No. 243 held Tuesday evening, December 5, 1911, Companion Philip H. Kunzig was duly elected Most Excellent High Priest, for the ensuing year.

Attest: CHARLES C. JUDD,
Secretary.

[SEAL]

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion PHILIP H. KUNZIG was duly installed as High Priest of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

Upon the invitation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest ISAAC F. STIDHAM, of Connecticut, made a brief and forcible address, which was listened to with appreciative interest by the Companions.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and forty minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

PRESENT:

Comp.	A. G. Criswell Smith	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	George B. Wells	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	Carl A. Sundstrom, P.G.H.P.,	*acting M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates	*acting M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. Charles H. Bond	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Samuel Laughlin	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Charles S. Bair	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	John W. Lansinger	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	August P. Kunzig	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby	*Grand Marshal.*
"	Robert D. Cole	*as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Robert A. Walker	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions John C. Taylor, Wayne J. Pennell, Peter K. Filbert, Henry M. Kinsel.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Edward B. Spencer, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. Fred. Paul Sher, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" Franklin P. Mason, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" Charles F. Wignall, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" Louis Wagner, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
" Samuel Laughlin, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 169, 171, 173, 175, 183, 190, 197, 198, 201, 202, 206, 208, 224, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 242, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 271, 276, 284. (37 Chapters.) (92 members.) (14 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1911, were read and approved.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 43, 52, 152, 159, 161, 167, 169, 178, 185, 190, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 211, 214, 218, 219, 221, 223, 224, 228, 232, 234, 238, 240, 243, 250, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 262, 264, 267, 270, 271, 273, 276, 277, 282, 286, 287, 288, 290 (52 Chapters) and Mark Lodge 214, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1911, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion A. G. Criswell Smith was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,* was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft.

Comp. George B. Wells, *M. E. Grand King.*
" Edward B. Spencer, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Grand Treasurer.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion A. G. Criswell Smith, presented the following address:

Media, Pa., December 27, 1911.

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

One year ago today, by your favor I was installed M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. The honor I appreciate as one of the highest honors his associates in Free Masonry can bestow upon a Companion. Its responsibilities I could not fully appreciate until I had entered actively upon my duties. It has been my purpose during the year to deal fairly and

conscientiously with all my Companions and to awaken a greater interest in Capitular Degrees if possible.

Nothing pleases an Officer better than to have those with whom he labors co-operate with him in the work he undertakes. I am happy to say that there has been the best of fraternal spirit and kindly effort on the part of the Companions throughout the Jurisdiction to work harmoniously for the advancement and perfection of the Capitular work.

For all this and the kindly direction of an all-wise Heavenly Father, in whom we put our trust, I return thanks to Him for all His goodness and many blessings bestowed upon us.

Deceased Companions.

During the year, four of our Companions who had been connected with the Grand Chapter in an official capacity were called away by death from the busy scenes of life to that repose which every Mason should seek to deserve by reason of a life well spent in the service of God.

July 29, 1911. Companion George W. Vernes, District Deputy Grand High Priest, for the Eleventh District, died. He had gone to Erie on business, and was stricken down with illness which lasted only two weeks. Companion Peter Barkey, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Nineteenth District, notified me of his death. Companion Vernes was made a Master Mason in Lodge No. 495 in Renova, March 1, 1892, and was Worshipful Master in 1897. He was

made a Royal Arch Mason in Chapter No. 163, Lock Haven, March 16, 1893, and was High Priest in 1897. He was Knighted in Commandery No. 46, May 4, 1893, and was Eminent Commander in 1903. He resigned from No. 46, March 23, 1905, and affiliated with Baldwin 2d Commandery, No. 22, May 16, 1905. He was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in December, 1903, and served until the time of his death.

Companion Francis Marion Highley died June 26, 1911. He was made a Master Mason May 13, 1868; was a Past Master of Perkins Lodge, No. 402, Philadelphia, and its Representative in Grand Lodge from 1878 to the time of his death. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183, February 19, 1872. He was High Priest in 1887, and was Grand Pursuivant in the Grand Chapter from 1889 to 1906. He was Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana from 1897 to the time of his death. He was a member of Philadelphia Council, No. 11, Royal and Select Master Masons; a member of Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and a Past Commander thereof. He was Grand Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation from 1886 until the time of his death. Companion Highley was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, September 16, 1890, and an Active Member September 27, 1897.

Companion William A. Sinn died October 18, 1911. Companion Sinn was made a Master Mason in Mont-

gomery Lodge, No. 19, of Philadelphia, November 7, 1867. He was Worshipful Master in 1873 and again in 1878, and was Representative in Grand Lodge from 1878 to the time of his death. He became a Royal Arch Mason March 25, 1869, in Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, Philadelphia; was M. E. High Priest in 1874, and Representative in Grand Chapter at the time of his death. He was made a Knight Templar in Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53, K. T., December 16, 1901. He received the degrees in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the spring of 1901, and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, September 15, 1908.

Companion Sinn held numerous appointments of responsibility in Grand Lodge, the last of which was that of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, May 15, 1896. He was elected to that position at the Quarterly Communication in December, and was re-elected each time since. He was also honored by appointments in Grand Chapter, the last of which was that of Grand Tyler, which he relinquished upon his appointment as R. W. Grand Secretary in Grand Lodge. He was Representative of the Grand Chapter of Texas near this Grand Chapter from 1890 until his death.

Companion and Reverend William B. Wood died November 26, 1911. He was a Charter Member of St. Pauls Lodge, No. 481, and was its Warrant Master September 14, 1870, and Master in 1871, He was the Representative at the time of his death. He was made

a Royal Arch Mason in Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, October 25, 1864. He became a Charter Member of Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240, Philadelphia, and was High Priest in 1875. He was appointed Grand Chaplain in Grand Chapter, December, 1904, and served until his death. He was Knighted in Mary Commandery, No. 36, January 12, 1871.

Decisions.

A Brother presented a Mark in which a color was used as a part of the said Mark. I decided it was not a device within the terms of the requirements and that it could not be accepted by the Chapter.

A Chapter cannot hold an Extra Meeting in the afternoon, confer a part of a degree upon the candidates, close and complete the work at the Stated Meeting that evening.

Decided, that a petitioner who presented himself for degrees on the last night he is entitled to them under the Constitution, but does not receive them because of the absence of the Officers, may receive them at the next meeting, since he has complied with the requirements of the Constitution in presenting himself.

A Brother who presents his request asking the Chapter to permit him to present a fourth petition may withdraw his request before action by the Chapter.

A Brother, made a Mason in Pennsylvania, removed to another Jurisdiction, where he resided for a number of years, but retained his Blue Lodge membership in Pennsylvania. While living in another Jurisdiction he

was made a Royal Arch Mason. After a lapse of a number of years he returned to Pennsylvania to reside, and asked to be admitted to membership in this Jurisdiction upon his Certificate of Resignation from the Jurisdiction in which he had received the Capitular degrees. I decided that the Chapter might receive and act upon his petition for membership.

A Companion cannot be restored to membership in the Chapter unless he receives a two-thirds vote of the members present. See Constitution of Grand Chapter, page 57, Article 18, Section 4.

During the past year I have occasionally heard an expression similar to this: "Is there no way of getting around it?" referring to provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter or the By-Laws of a Subordinate Chapter. No such thought should ever enter a Companion Royal Arch Mason's mind. It should be his first and only desire to strictly conform to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter as well as to the provisions of the By-Laws of his own Chapter. I urge upon the Officers of the Chapter the necessity of making a careful study of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter in order that they may be prepared to conduct the business of the Chapter in accordance with the law and Masonic usage. If the Officers of the several Chapters will pursue this course there will be little occasion for serious difficulties to arise.

Dispensations.

March 31, 1911. To Eureka R. A. Chapter, No. 167, to hold a special election for Scribe to fill a vacancy

caused by removal from the Jurisdiction of the Scribe installed at the beginning of the year.

August 25, 1911. Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 187, Conneautville, to confer the Royal Arch Mason degree upon a Brother, it appearing that he could not wait the time required by the Constitution, his business requiring him to go to Texas for an indefinite period.

October 17, 1911. To Monroe R. A. Chapter, No. 281, at Stroudsburg, to confer the Royal Arch Mason's degree upon a Brother, it appearing that he could not wait the time required by the Constitution. The Brother was obliged to leave for his post of duty as a missionary in Africa.

Dispensation Refused.

May 19, 1911. I refused to grant a dispensation to Amity R. A. Chapter, No. 293, Athens, to confer the Royal Arch Mason degree upon three Brethren, two of whom could not attend successive meetings without considerable expense to themselves.

Waiver of Jurisdiction.

I have asked for and received three waivers of Jurisdiction from New Jersey.

I asked for a waiver of Jurisdiction from New York, which waiver was refused.

I granted waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: West Virginia, one, and New Jersey, four.

Appointments.

I appointed Companion George Park Singer, of LaFayette R. A. Chapter, No. 163, a member of the Committee on Correspondence in place of Companion James W. Hughes, resigned.

I appointed Companion Henry Hipple, of LaFayette R. A. Chapter, No. 163, Lock Haven, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Eleventh District in place of Companion George W. Vernes, deceased.

Representatives to Other Grand Chapters.

I appointed Companion John S. McCurdy as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Illinois in place of Companion Chester S. Gurney, deceased.

I appointed Companion George H. Wilkinson as Representative from this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Quebec in place of Companion A. A. Stevenson, deceased.

Representative Received.

Companion George A. Gorgas, of Chapter No. 21, from Maine, in place of Companion Alexander McCune, deceased.

Work.

On the afternoon of March 2d I invited the District Deputy Grand High Priests to meet the Capitular School of Instruction in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The Mark Master Mason's degree was re-

hearsed by the members of the school and the appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Master of the second vail, as Worshipful Master; Companion JOHN FETCH, member of the committee, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree; and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, also of the committee, as Most Excellent High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. The work was under the supervision of Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction. The interest manifested by those present was very gratifying, and fully justified the effort to maintain uniformity of work as required by Grand Chapter.

At the March Communication of Grand Chapter the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the appointed Grand Officers and members of the Capitular School of Instruction, Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Master of the Second Vail, as Worshipful Master.

We were honored at this Communication by the presence of Companion E. A. KRAUSSMAN, Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of New York, and by the presence of M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. GROSSCUP, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

At the June Communication the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was exemplified by Companion J. WAELDER MCMULLEN, for a number of years the efficient Chairman of the Committee on Instruction for

Capitular Work. He was assisted by members of the School of Instruction and appointed Grand Officers.

At the September Communication the Royal Arch Mason's degree was exemplified by Companion Robert D. Cole, a member of the Capitular School, assisted by other members and appointed Grand Officers.

At the December Quarterly Communication, Companion Philip H. Kunzig, High Priest-elect of Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243, was installed M. E. High Priest, and the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him by Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction. At this Communication we were honored by the presence of M. E. Companion Isaac F. Stidham, Past Grand High Priest of Connecticut.

Grand Visitations.

I have made the following Grand Visitations during the year, and was accompanied by the other elective Grand Officers as well as by the appointed Grand Officers, with the exception of M. E. Companion Winfield S. Bell, M. E. Grand Scribe, who was detained by reason of illness. Valuable assistance was rendered by them on several occasions.

February 20th, Jerusalem R. A. Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred.

April 14th, Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202, West Chester. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Kennett R. A. Chapter, No. 275, Kennett

Square, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, followed by the officers of Coatesville R. A. Chapter, No. 267, who rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the Officers of Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

May 3d, Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 199, York. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Officers of Good Samaritan R. A. Chapter, No. 266, Gettysburg, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, followed by the Officers of Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 224, Columbia, who rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the Officers of Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 199, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

May 4th, R. A. Chapter, No. 43, Lancaster, when the Mark Master Mason's degree was rehearsed.

October 2d, Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, Harrisburg. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Officers of Newport R. A. Chapter, No. 238, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, followed by the Officers of Samuel C. Perkins R. A. Chapter, No. 209, Mechanicsburg, who rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the Officers of Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21, conferred the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

October 3d, Coudersport R. A. Chapter, No. 263. The Officers rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree; and Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction and Grand Prin-

cipal Sojourner, as Most Excellent Master, assisted by the other appointed Grand Officers, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. The Companions present showed their interest in the work by asking that the Royal Arch Mason's degree be rehearsed, but the lateness of the hour prevented.

October 4th, Emporium R. A. Chapter, No. 227. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Scribe of Clearfield R. A. Chapter, No. 228, as Worshipful Master, assisted by the appointed Grand Officers, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, followed by the Officers of Elk R. A. Chapter, No. 230, Ridgway, who rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the Officers of Emporium R. A. Chapter, No. 227, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

October 5th, Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning. Beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Officers of Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 273, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, followed by the Officers of Orient R. A. Chapter, No. 247, Kittanning, who rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the Officers of Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 225, Brookville, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. On the occasion of this visit I was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion William B. Meredith, Past Grand High Priest.

October 6th, Brownsville R. A. Chapter, No. 164, when the Officers rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

October 7th, Lewistown R. A. Chapter, No. 186, when the Officers rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

October 19th, Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183, Philadelphia, when the Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred by the M. E. High Priest, Companion William B. Chalfant, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter.

Informal Visitations.

I have made informal visitations as follows:

January 13th. Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240.

January 19th. Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183.

February 3d. Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52.

February 15th. Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 91.

February 27th. Kensington R. A. Chapter, No. 233. This was the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

March 21st. Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 248.

March 24th. Signet R. A. Chapter, No. 251.

April 4th. Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243.

April 19th. Siloam R. A. Chapter, No. 226, Frankford.

May 15th. Germantown R. A. Chapter, No. 208.

September 13th. Phoenix R. A. Chapter, No. 198, Phoenixville. This was the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

October 11th. Philadelphia R. A. Chapter, No. 169.

October 23d. Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175.

November 6th. Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250.

November 7th. St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 232.

November 13th. Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, and Melita R. A. Chapter, No. 284.

November 21st. University R. A. Chapter, No. 256.

December 8th. Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240.

December 21st. Oriental R. A. Chapter, No. 183.

The work done by the Officers of the several Chapters visited was a credit to the Chapters as well as to the Officers, and met with my sincere approval. The interest taken by the Officers and members was gratifying to the Grand High Priest.

Visits to Neighboring Jurisdictions.

February 7th and 8th. Accompanied by Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal, I visited the Grand Chapter of New York at their Annual Convocation at Albany. We were met in New York City by Most Excellent Companion Henry D. Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest, and Companion E. A. Kraussman, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near that Grand Chapter, and were the recipients of their unbounded hospitality during our stay in the Jurisdiction. M. E. Companion Jay B. Kline, Grand High Priest, extended a very cordial greeting upon our entrance into the Grand Chapter. Our recollections of that visit shall always be most pleasant.

March 20th. Accompanied by M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., Past Grand High Priest, and Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal, I visited the Grand Chapter of Delaware, which met in Special Convocation to receive Most Excellent Companion Nathan Kingsley, of Austin, Minnesota, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. We received a pleasing fraternal reception, and had a most enjoyable visit.

May 10th. Accompanied by Most Excellent Companion George B. Wells, Most Excellent Grand King, and Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal, I paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey at its Annual Convocation in Trenton. Our reception was in keeping with the fraternal spirit always manifested by our New Jersey Companions. Most Excellent Companion Daniel L. Campbell, Grand High Priest, was most thoughtful in his attentions.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Early in the year I sent to the District Deputy Grand High Priests an exact copy of the letter of instructions sent out by Most Excellent Companion Carl A. Sundstrom, Past Grand High Priest. Under date of August 31st I sent the following letter of instructions to the District Deputies and to the Secretaries of the several Chapters in the Jurisdiction:

To the District Deputy and Most Excellent High Priest.

Companions:—In 1907 Most Excellent Companion William B. Meredith decided that "A Companion who cannot do the work of the Chapter cannot be installed as Most Excellent High Priest." This decision was confirmed

by Most Excellent Companion Carl A. Sundstrom. In order that Subordinate Chapters may have the best services possible from their elective officers, the lessons taught in the several degrees be given impressively and the purposes of the above decision made effective I hereby direct that the Most Excellent High Priests elect for next year be installed by the District Deputy Grand High Priests or by some one designated by them after the District Deputy is satisfied that the High Priest elect is qualified to assume his station. In case he is not qualified, the High Priest will continue to serve.

I direct that this Communication be read in each Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the next stated meeting, and be entered in full upon the minutes.

A. G. Criswell Smith,
M. E. Grand High Priest,
Media, Pa.

The District Deputies have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, as their reports will indicate, and there is an evident desire on their part to have the Chapters under their care arrive at a state of proficiency becoming so important a body as a Royal Arch Chapter. The Grand High Priest of so large a Jurisdiction as this could not begin to bring about that uniformity of work and general observance of the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter without their hearty co-operation and assistance. This they have faithfully rendered me during the year, and I hereby acknowledge my indebtedness to them.

New Chapter.

On Friday, October 6th, I constituted Darius R. A. Chapter, No. 294, at McDonald. We were honored by the presence of Most Excellent Companion Henry Oscar Kline, Past Grand High Priest. The Chapter starts with bright prospects, having thirty-five Charter

Members and plenty of work to do since its constitution. I was pleased to be accompanied on this occasion by M. E. Companion Winfield S. Bell, M. E. Grand Scribe, who assumed his station and performed his part in the constitution of the Chapter.

Special Instructors.

The Grand Chapter provides a fund to pay the expense of sending Special Instructors to Chapters whose officers may feel the need of assistance. The District Deputies are busy men, and cannot always give the necessary time required by the Chapters of their Districts, and this provision was made to supplement their work. Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction, went to Bloomsburg recently and met the Officers of the Chapter there as well as the Officers of the Chapters at Catawissa and Danville. Companion William F. Shay, District Deputy Grand High Priest, was present part of the time, and wrote me of the great good that had been done during the two days and a half that were spent in giving instruction. Other Chapters might avail themselves of this privilege with profit to the Chapters.

Austin Disaster.

On September 30th, by reason of the breaking out of a dam breast, a large volume of water rushed down the narrow valley and practically destroyed the town of Austin. It was our purpose to have an afternoon visitation at Coudersport for rehearsal of work, but

because of the sad calamity at Austin we were obliged to cancel the afternoon meeting, because many of the members of the Chapter at Coudersport were assisting in the relief of the sufferers at Austin, many of whom lost members of their families and all of their worldly possessions. Through the courtesy of the Officers of Coudersport R. A. Chapter we were enabled to visit the scene of the disaster and view the desolation of the once prosperous town. Knowing that the Grand Chapter had $1,435.15 in the Charity and Emergency Relief Fund which was ready for immediate use, I said to the Companions that I would be glad to send whatever relief might be needed if they would send me word upon my return home. On October 12th I received a letter from Companion F. W. Orwan, who, I learned from the Grand Secretary's office, is a member of Coudersport R. A. Chapter, No. 263, and Secretary of the Lodge at Austin, asking for some assistance. On October 19th I mailed a check to Companion Orwan for Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars, drawn on the fund referred to above. Under date of October 22d I have Companion F. W. Orwan's acknowledgment of receipt of check, in which he expresses the very great appreciation of himself and the other Companions and Brethren of Austin. We sympathize deeply with our Companions who were so suddenly stricken, and we were glad to be able to come to their relief so promptly. It is more beautiful to practice the lessons of Charity or Love than to teach them. May we as individual members always be ready to act promptly when the need is at hand.

Constitution.

It was my hope that the revised Constitution would be in the possession of all the Chapters before this, but a few new Amendments having been introduced in Grand Chapter during the year, it was not deemed wise to go on with the printing of it until they were finally disposed of. Action having been had on the Amendments at the December Quarterly Communication, the completion of the printing of the revised Constitution was taken up at once, and we hope to be able to distribute the copies within a reasonable time.

Conclusion.

In submitting this my annual report, I comply with a long-established custom and at the same time hope to give information that may prove interesting to the Companions of the Grand Chapter. The teachings of the Capitular degrees have challenged the admiration of all who have been so fortunate as to come into possession of them. We may well make them the rule of our faith and the guide of every act in life. If we strive so to do, we shall surely receive the commendation of an ever kind and gracious Heavenly Father. It has been my ardent desire during the year to emphasize the importance of these truths and to aid the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction in the correct and impressive presentation of them. In the performance of my duties I take pleasure in acknowledging my obligations to the faithful service of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion Charles Cary, and the cheerful willing-

ness to help on the part of his efficient Deputy, Companion Stockton Bates.

I have performed my duties as I understood them, and as we enter upon the work of a new year I crave the indulgence and cheerful assistance of the Companions.

Wishing all a prosperous and Happy New Year, I fraternally submit this my first annual report.

A. G. Criswell Smith,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Appointments.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion Paul J. Pontius, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

B. Companion Robert G. Smith, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 208, 240, 251, 256 and Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

C. Companion John C. Taylor, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 183, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

1. Companion J. Howard S. Barnes, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion Wayne J. Pennell, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion JOHN B. SPRENKEL, of York, for the Counties of Adams, Berks, Lancaster, Lebanon and York.

4. Companion FREDERICK W. ULRICH, of Bethlehem, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

5. Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

6. Companion HENRY L. MOORE, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion PETER K. FILBERT, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

8. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

9. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

10. Companion HENRY M. KINSEL, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

11. Companion HENRY HIPPLE, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters No. 194, of Tioga County, and No. 261, of Bradford County.

12. Companion Irvin K. Hockley, of Emporium, for the Counties of Cameron, Clearfield and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

13. Companion Lyman M. Finney, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean (except Chapter No. 279, at Kane) and Potter, and Chapter No. 265, of Tioga County.

14. Companion Porter W. Lowry, of Butler, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

15. Companion Edward Hope, of Pittsburgh, for Chapter No. 150, of Washington County, and Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 280 and 285, of Allegheny County.

16. Companion William J. Poschmann, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 217, 282, 286, 288 and 289, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion John A. Armstrong, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington (except Chapter No. 150, at Washington) and Westmoreland.

18. Companion Allan W. Urmson, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

19. Companion Peter Barkey, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

20. Companion Charles E. Cooper, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

Trustees.

M. E. Comp. J. Henry Williams, P. G. H. P.
" Edward Perry.
" Charles Chipman.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. Rev. Benjamin F. Delo, of Clarion.
" Rev. Thompson P. Ege, D.D., of Oaks.
" Rev. William B. Chalfant, D.D., of Philadelphia.
" Rev. Horace F. Fuller, of Philadelphia.
" Rev. Robert C. Bowling, of Kittanning.
" Rev. Charles H. Bond, of Norwood.
" Rev. Clarence H. Woolston, D.D., of Philadelphia.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. Samuel Laughlin, of Chapter No. 232.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. Charles S. Bair, of Chapter No. 256.

Grand Master of the Third Vail.

Comp. John W. Lansinger, of Chapter No. 43.

Grand Master of the Second Vail.

Comp. Thomas McConnell, Jr., of Chapter No. 52.

Grand Master of the First Vail.

Comp. AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of Chapter No. 243.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Chapter No. 234.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. JOSEPH F. CUMMINGS, of Chapter No. 174.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.,
" " GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., P. G. H. P.,
" " EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.,
" " EZRA S. BARTLETT, P. G. H. P.,
" " MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.,
" " EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.,
" " H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.,
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.,
" " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.,
" " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P..

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp. MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.,
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.,
" GEORGE W. HALL,
" ADAM H. SCHMEHL,
" SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM.

Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. EZRA S. BARTLETT, P. G. H. P.,
" M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,
" WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
" JOHN A. PERRY,
" E. MARSHALL HARVEY.

Committee on By-Laws.

M. E. Comp. CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
" A. HOWARD THOMAS,
" HENRY W. SMITH,
" WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
" WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.,
" STOCKTON BATES,
" JOHN M. CORE,
" GEORGE HALE,
" GEORGE PARK SINGER.

Committee on Charity.

Comp. John E. Poore,
" Curtis H. Hannum,
" George C. Johnstone,
" J. Henry Lape,
" Henry Struntz.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Louis M. Wagner,
" James W. R. Washington,
" Frank E. Townsend,
" Murray Gorgas,
" Wesley R. Morgan.

Capitular School of Instruction.

S. E. Burke Kinsloe, *Principal.*

John Fetch, Charles T. Gilden,
David Carlin, Thomas McConnell, Jr.,
Robert D. Cole, Robert L. Buehler,

At the request of the Grand Secretary, Companion Stockton Bates was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eight o'clock and forty-five minutes p. m.

Charles Cary,
Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA

1795, William Ball.†
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.†
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.†
1802—1805, Israel Israel.†
1806—1813, James Milnor.†
1814, Richard Tybout.†
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.†
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.†
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.†
1822—1823, Josiah Randall.†
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.†
1826, John Steele, Jr.†
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.†
1828, Joseph S. Riley.†
1829—1831, John M. Read.†
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.†
1834, Enos S. Gandy.†
1835, John Y. Black.†
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.†
1841—1842, Alexander Dimond.†
1843—1844, William Whitney.†
1845—1846, William Barger.†
1847, John McGrath.†
1848, John J. Krider.†
1849, James Simpson.†
1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.†
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.†
1854, Anthony Bournonville.†

†Deceased.

1855—1856, Harman Baugh.†
1857, John C. Smith.†
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.†
1860, Benjamin Parke.†
1861, Harman Yerkes.†
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.†
1864—1865, George W. Wood.†
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.†
1868—1869, George Griscom.†
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.†
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.†
1876, George E. Wagner.†
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.†
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.†
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.†
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.†
1889—1890, James S. Barber.†
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.†
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.†
1899—1900, Michael W. Jacobs.
1901—1902, Edward B. Spencer.
1903—1904, H. Oscar Kline.
1905—1906, J. Henry Williams.
1907—1908, William B. Meredith.
1909—1910, Carl A. Sundstrom.
1911—1912, A. G. Criswell Smith.

†Deceased.

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Our Dead

I can not say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,—

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;

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Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—he is just away!

James Whitcomb Riley.

In Memoriam

GEORGE W. VERNES

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Died July 29, 1911

REV. WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D.

Grand Chaplain

Died November 26, 1911

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
ISAAC M. WITNER.....	No. 43	Sept. 22, 1911
JOSEPH ORR	" 52	Sept. 14, 1911
CLARENCE T. KIRBY.....	" 161	May 31, 1911
LEWIS T. BROWN	" 162	Mar. 19, 1911
JAMES TAYLOR	" 162	July 11, 1911
ROBERT KNOPF	" 162	Nov. 20, 1911
GEORGE W. VERNES, D.D.G.H.P.	" 163	July 29, 1911
CHARLES B. HARAH	" 165	Jan. 17, 1911
LUTHER H. SAMPLE	" 170	Nov. 30, 1911
GEORGE P. WRIGHT	" 173	July 7, 1911
GAMBLE YOUNG	" 173	Feb. 16, 1911
GILBERT R. VAN ALEN.....	" 174	Sept. 3, 1911
WILLIAM A. SINN	" 175	Oct. 17, 1911
JOHN MONTGOMERY	" 176	June 16, 1911
WILLIAM R. BAKER	" 179	Oct. 11, 1911
WILLIAM H. REICHARD.....	" 182	Jan. 1, 1911
FRANCIS MARION HIGHLEY....	" 183	June 26, 1911
AARON L. KOONS	" 189	May 3, 1911
BOYD G. STEEL	" 189	June 17, 1911
M. HENRY ROSENSTEEL	" 195	Mar. 27, 1911
WILLIAM L. KENNEDY	" 198	Dec. 8, 1911

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
WILLIAM S. GREEN	No. 202	Nov. 3, 1911
HENRY GRIM	" 202	Feb. 25, 1911
HOWARD HAWLEY	" 202	June 15, 1911
GEORGE R. HOOPES	" 202	Mar. 9, 1911
ABRAM WANGER	" 202	Apr. 7, 1911
HENRY K. HARTZELL	" 203	Dec. 20, 1911
JOHN KUHBACK	" 204	Nov. 14, 1911
JOHN G. SCHULER	" 208	Aug. 15, 1911
SETH T. FORESMAN	" 222	Aug. 5, 1911
LEWIS H. KIRK	" 223	Apr. 26, 1911
AMOS M. ROGERS	" 224	Jan. 1, 1911
ANDREW M. RAMBO	" 224	Oct. 31, 1911
JOHN BURNS	" 226	Sept. 4, 1911
SYLVESTER S. SMITH	" 227	Nov. 22, 1911
CLARK HARRINGTON	" 227	Dec. 6, 1911
SAMUEL ABEL	" 233	Sept. 6, 1911
WILLIAM H. SOMERVILLE	" 233	Nov. 6, 1911
DANIEL McCLINTOCK	" 234	Jan. 16, 1911
HORACE P. GREEN	" 234	Apr. 4, 1911
CALVIN D. MOSER	" 237	Feb. 10, 1911

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
HORACE BEARD	No. 238	Apr. 7, 1911
GEORGE WHARTON	" 238	Aug. 31, 1911
WILLIAM B. WOOD, Gr. Chaplain	" 240	Nov. 26, 1911
LOUIS WEBER	" 243	Oct. 14, 1911
IRVIN J. HYDE	" 244	Jan. 13, 1911
CHARLES P. SUMMERS	" 245	Feb. 3, 1911
GEORGE T. CRAWFORD	" 247	July 9, 1911
WITHINGTON REYNOLDS	" 247	Aug. 18, 1911
WILLIAM D. CROMMIE	" 248	Aug. 11, 1911
HENRY GRIM	" 248	Aug. 8, 1911
GEORGE WHARTON	" 250	Oct. 24, 1911
HORACE F. WHITMAN	" 251	Jan. 9, 1911
JOHN S. DeSILVA	" 252	Mar. 20, 1911
EDMUND S. DOTY	" 255	Mar. 24, 1911
JAMES CLEAVER	" 255	Jan. 23, 1911
OLIVER J. LOCKWOOD	" 255	Mar. 1, 1911
THOMAS CHESTER	" 257	June 15, 1911
BENTON A. KRIBBS	" 259	Feb. 13, 1911
PHILIP M. SHANNON	" 260	Feb. 16, 1911
JOHN H. McFEETERS	" 279	June 21, 1911

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Correspondence

The Committee on Correspondence submits its annual report for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1911.

The usual custom of dividing the work of review of the various Grand Chapters among the several members of the committee has been followed, as is indicated below:

Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Canada Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia England England and Wales	William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
Florida Georgia Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine	Stockton Bates

Maryland		John M. Core
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Hampshire		
New Jersey		George Hale
New South Wales		
New York	G. P. S.	
North Carolina	G. P. S.	
North Dakota	G. P. S.	
Nova Scotia		
Ohio		
Oregon	G. P. S.	
Quebec		
South Carolina	G. H.	George Park Singer
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
Texas	1910 G. H.; 1911 G. P. S.	
Utah		
Vermont	G. H.	
Victoria		
Virginia	1910 G. H.; 1911 G. P. S.	
West Virginia		
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		

The year's report contains a review of all the Grand Chapters with which we are in correspondence, *i. e.*, as far as the proceedings have reached us.

The committee has given the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters careful and thoughtful consideration, and herewith presents the result of its labors.

To review is a pleasure to the Masonic student; to

read and study the proceedings of the Grand Chapter is a Masonic education; to know and practice the teachings of the Capitular degrees tends to make us truer men and better citizens.

From observation, we are forced to conclude that proceedings of Grand Chapters do not receive the consideration from the members of the subordinate Chapters to which they are entitled. They combine the proceedings of the Grand Body, proper to be committed to writing, with a brief review, by the Committee on Correspondence, of the various Grand Chapters whose reports we have received. These reports are intended to form a part of the Masonic curriculum, and are for the members of the Grand and subordinate Chapters, and especially for the Masonic student.

From the reports we learn that almost every Grand Chapter is striving for uniformity in the work in their respective Jurisdictions. We, too, are striving for uniformity, and with marked success. The near future will bring the desired result. Every Grand Chapter should insist that the subordinate Chapters follow the standard work of their Jurisdictions. We congratulate our sister Jurisdictions in their labors for uniformity, and have abiding faith that success will crown their efforts.

The old year has passed; the new one is before us. May we redouble our endeavors to advance the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

William B. Meredith.

December 27, 1911.

ALABAMA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama held its Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on Monday and Tuesday, December 5 and 6, 1910.

There were present all of the elective and appointed Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand Secretary, forty-nine Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama (Pennsylvania's Representative was present) and the Representatives of fifty-seven Subordinate Chapters. Quite a healthy showing.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion JOHN B. CHRISTIAN.

The Grand High Priest then presented his annual address, which is a carefully prepared Masonic document, and refers particularly to his doings as Grand High Priest. We admire the opening clause, as follows:

"Companions:—Under the blessings of the Almighty Father we assemble in our Eighty-fourth Grand Annual Convocation. We should be most grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe that we are again permitted to convene in our Annual Convocation under such favorable conditions; the harvests have been bountiful and prosperity and peace pervades our entire beloved State."

He issued Dispensations for the constitution of three new Chapters, also to reorganize the Chapter at Graham, in Randolph County.

What to Pennsylvanians would appear a large number of Dispensations were issued to Chapters to elect and install officers, the Chapters having failed to do so

at the proper time, also to confer degrees out of statutory time. Railroading of candidates is not to be commended. The By-Laws provide for the election of officers at a certain stated meeting, and should not be overlooked. We believe our plan to let the old officers hold over would break up the practice. The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address did not take kindly to the idea of issuing Dispensations to elect and install officers when no election was held at the proper time, as is shown by their report:

"The number of Dispensations for the election of officers at other than the stated meeting time shows some indifference on the part of subordinate Chapters which should be corrected and we express the hope that such a list of dispensations will be entirely missing in the next annual address."

In speaking of the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions, he refers particularly to Companion JAMES T. GREENE, of the Committee of Jurisprudence:

COMPANION JAMES T. GREENE.

"Every old member of this Grand Chapter will miss the warm, friendly clasp of our beloved Companion, Judge James T. Greene, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who since our last Grand Annual Convocation has passed 'within the veils.' I was intimately associated with Companion Greene when I had the honor to be a member, in past years, of your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and I soon learned both to admire and to love him, and his death is, therefore, peculiarly a personal loss to me and, paraphrasing Bobbie Burns' lament on the death of his friend and benefactor, the Earl of Glencairn, I can only humbly bow my head and say:

'The monarch may forget the crown,
That on his head so late hath been;
The bridegroom may forget his bride,
Was made his own but yester een;
The mother may forget the child,
That smiled so sweetly on her knee;
But I will ne'er forget thee, Jim Greene,
And all and all that thou hath been to me.'"

He names the distinguished Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who have been called to their reward during the year.

He issued an "Official Circular" to the subordinate Chapters, as follows:

"Companions:—From information in my possession I have deemed it best to call your especial attention to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution which reads as follows:

"'No Chapter shall charge a less fee that thirty dollars for the Chapter degrees, which fee must in all cases accompany the petition—and in no case shall credit be given, nor shall any part thereof be refunded to any candidate, unless his petition be rejected.' (This does not apply to ministers.)

"I ask that this section be read in full in open Chapter.

"This section fixes a minimum fee for the degrees and no Chapter either under Charter or Dispensation, can charge a less fee without violating the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter.

"Should satisfactory evidence be given me that any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter has violated this provision of the Constitution, I will at once arrest its Charter or Dispensation.

"JOHN B. CHRISTIAN,
"Grand High Priest.

"Attest:
"GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP,
"Grand Secretary."

He was in earnest, and meant what he said. He accordingly arrested the Dispensation of a Chapter until the meeting of the Grand Chapter for violating the Constitution on this subject.

We believe that the Constitution of any Grand Chapter is the Supreme Law of the particular Jurisdiction, and under no circumstances should a violation of any of its provisions be overlooked. If any provision of the Constitution is objectionable, better repeal it and not violate it.

In surrendering his commission, he gives his idea of the honor of the Office of Grand High Priest, as follows:

"And now, my Companions, I surrender to you the commission entrusted to me at your last Grand Convocation. It is an honor that I and mine shall ever cherish. It is one more to be desired than any political office that could be conferred upon the recipient. In surrendering the same I believe that I have filled the office to the best of my ability, and that its pure escutcheon is as bright and untarnished as when you entrusted it to me one year ago. May the Grand Chapter of Alabama continue to grow and prosper in all its 'good work, true work, square work,' is the humble prayer of "Yours fraternally,

"JOHN B. CHRISTIAN."

We endorse every word of it.

The Committee on Work exemplified and conferred the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason upon candidates of several subordinate Chapters; this action of the Grand Chapter is certainly to be commended, will be productive of great good, and is another step to uniformity in the work.

They are good to ministers of the Gospel, as their Constitution contains a provision which permits ministers of the Gospel, actively engaged in their calling, and in good standing in their Lodges, to receive the degrees gratuitously. At this meeting an amendment to the Constitution was offered to insert the words "and Rabbis" after "the Gospel." It should, and doubtless will, be adopted at next meeting of Grand Chapter.

Three decisions were made referring to their own Laws, and have no bearing on Pennsylvania Law.

The amendment offered at meeting of Grand Chap-

ter in December, 1909, fixing the minimum fee at twenty ($20) dollars was defeated. This was a righteous act; it kills, at least for the present, the attempt to cheapen Capitular Masonry. The minimum fee remains as heretofore, thirty ($30) dollars.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the Grand Chapter to be in a prosperous condition, both financially and numerically, the present membership being thirty-four hundred and forty-three (3443), a net gain of two hundred and fifty-four (254) during the year.

They are awake to the importance of preventing the constitution of Chapters too near each other. An amendment was offered to their By-Laws providing that "no Dispensation shall be granted for the establishing of a new Chapter within seven miles of any other Chapter, except it be in cities and towns with not less than one thousand inhabitants."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared and presented by the Nestor Correspondent, the venerable and loved Most Excellent Companion William Yates Titcomb, who for so many years has faithfully served his Grand Chapter. Pennsylvania is accorded a four-page review in a positive but most courteous and fraternal manner.

Whenever we quote from Proceedings, we most heartily endorse every word so quoted, hence when we quoted from the address of Grand High Priest Lazarus, we believed it to be good Masonry.

He gives five decisions of Most Excellent Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM, three of which meet his approval. The second decision is not received with favor, he holding to the right of private objection; there is certainly room for argument on both sides. We of Pennsylvania favor the decision. In the fifth decision he objects to the clause, "has been passed to the Chair"; we accord him that right, and doubtless he is correct as far as Alabama is concerned, but not as to Pennsylvania; here "Passing to the Chair" belongs exclusively to the Lodge. Section 1, Article XVII, of our Constitution provides as follows:

"An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master, either by *election* or *dispensation,*" etc. Our form of petition is as follows:

"The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth that he is a Geometric Master Mason, a member of ..... Lodge, No. ...., held at ....., that he has passed the Chair," etc., hence our Grand High Priest could make no other decision.

We have read a great part of the report of Companion TITCOMB. It is, without doubt, most interesting and instructive, and of more than ordinary interest to the Masonic student. Our fervent prayer is that he may be spared for many years to perform his labor of love, and we feel confident that every Grand Chapter in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Alabama will join us in the above prayer. God bless you.

The Proceedings contain an engraving of Grand High Priest Companion JOHN B. CHRISTIAN, with a short sketch of his life, and more fully as to his Masonic record.

Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM E. BINGHAM was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP was re-elected Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter Officers were installed.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Tucson on Wednesday, February 15, 1911.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Most Excellent Companion HENRY MORGAN WOODS, Grand High Priest, and all other Grand Officers in their respective stations and places. Ten Past Grand High Priests and twenty-four Past High Priests and Representatives of every chapter (eight in number) were present.

The address or report of the Grand High Priest is brief, and refers mainly to his official acts during the year. There are several paragraphs which are deserving of a place in our Proceedings. We quote as follows:

"It is surprising how intelligent thinking men can be content with the first three degrees of Masonry without aspiring to still further light for

greater and clearer Truth. We now enjoy a liberty, charity and toleration of belief in strong contrast with past intolerance. Masonry, combatting superstition with reason, with the light of Truth putting bigotry and fanaticism to shame, is one of the strong forces urging us onward in the march of progress and knowledge, and will finally give us a world-wide political and religious liberty, but Truth, Companions, is within ourselves; it takes no rise from outward things."

We certainly endorse his idea of the insufficiency of the first three degrees of Masonry.

From his address we learn that Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction is at peace with the Masonic World. We quote his language on the subject:

"Of my official acts there is little to say, our Companions seeming to be so well posted in Capitular Jurisprudence that no questions have been asked, peace and harmony prevailing in all the subordinate bodies of our Grand Jurisdiction."

The closing paragraph of his address we commend to all Masons, as follows:

"I feel that the success of our institution rests not on any one man or set of men, but with and upon all of us individually and collectively. Let us then so regulate our lives, acts and conduct for the good of Masonry, that it will doubly merit the high position held by it in the confidence of all good citizens."

He made no visitations, being prevented from so doing by the illness and death of his wife. We extend to him our sympathy in his bereavement.

The financial report shows a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, of Twenty-five Hundred Sixty and 36/100 ($2560.36) dollars. A recommendation of the Committee on Grand Treasurer's Report was adopted, that all funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer in excess of one thousand dollars be invested in interest-bearing bonds.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the receipts and expenditures of Grand Chapter, also the membership of the Grand Chapter, on January 1, 1911, to be six hundred eighty-seven (687), a gain of fifteen (15) during the year. This can scarcely be termed a healthy showing. Hope the present year may be much better.

Past Grand High Priest Companion MORRIS GOLDWATER, from the Committee on Correspondence, reported as follows: "Again, for reasons of economy, no Report on Correspondence has been prepared for the printer." A good and sufficient reason.

A picture of Most Excellent Companion HENRY M. WOODS, Grand High Priest, adorns the Proceedings.

Most Excellent Companion ELLIOTT DOUGLASS was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary; both were installed.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock on Thursday, November 17, 1910.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, J. L. DAVIS, all Grand Chapter Officers, except Deputy Grand High Priest, being present, also eight Past

Grand High Priests and the Representatives of sixty-five subordinate Chapters.

After the appointment of several committees, the Grand High Priest presented his address, which was an able report of his actions as Grand High Priest. Portions of the address are deserving of a place in our Proceedings. Of their meeting together, he says:

"It is indeed an uplift to my mind and heart to have the privilege of again meeting face to face this magnificent body of representative Masons, who have seen fit to entrust me with the highest office within their gift. In token of my appreciation of this manifest expression of your confidence, and in following up a custom as old as the Grand Chapter itself, I desire to extend to each of you a most cordial welcome. We have for the time being put aside the petty annoyances incident to our respective vocations, and have come hither at the appointed time and place, that we may give an account of our stewardship, vie with each other in the exchange of fraternal greetings and transact business commensurate with the needs of the Royal Craft.

"The fraternal spirit that pervades this assembly forcibly impresses us with the sentiment so beautifully expressed in the language of the Psalmist, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' Here, with hand in hand, and heart to heart, we mingle our joys and sorrows. Around this Holy Altar it is our privilege to covenant anew our allegiance to the great principles of *truth* and *righteousness*, which had their origin in the great heart of God and are exemplified in all their *fullness* in the life and teachings of *Him* who went about doing good, and spake as never man spake.

"Here it is ours to reciprocate that spirit of unselfish love, known only to those who fully appreciate the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man."

Under "Necrology" he refers feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion William K. Ramsey. He followed our custom, and issued a letter to the subordinate Chapters. In referring to the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions, he mentions

the name of our late Most Excellent Companion, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.

He issued a Dispensation for the organization of a new Chapter, also a number to elect and install officers, and several to receive, refer and ballot on applications without waiting the usual time, and others for the same purpose, upon the request of the Grand Lecturer. We are confident that the Grand High Priest would not issue a Dispensation for electing and installing officers, or for receiving and acting upon petitions without waiting the usual time, unless he believed the best interests of Capitular Masonry would be served by so doing. In Pennsylvania such Dispensations are rare, and am glad to say they are getting rarer, and should be discontinued entirely. Carelessness in the electing and installing of officers should be rebuked, and railroading candidates through the Capitular degrees is not to be encouraged; this is Pennsylvania's views on the subject, but Arkansas naturally claims the right to enact her own Laws.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called. A large number answered the call, but we regret to say that Pennsylvania Representative was not present. They were received with Grand honors, welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and each was requested to convey to the Grand Chapter he represented the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

Most Excellent CHARLES N. RIX, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, was presented to the Grand Chapter, and received with Grand honors.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved,* That no subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be named for any living person."

This will meet with the approval of Pennsylvania. Our Constitution prohibits the naming of a Chapter after a living person.

Two decisions were made, which doubtless are satisfactory to Arkansas; the first one is satisfactory to this Jurisdiction, but the second would not suit here. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the first decision, but negatived the other. Grand Chapter, however, amended their report and confirmed the action of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest concludes his address in language that is very appropriate, and we deem it of sufficient importance to give to the members of our Grand Chapter, as follows:

"Companions, in conclusion, permit me to say that I trust our coming together on this occasion will prove to be not only a benediction, but an inspiration. That we may go forth with greater zeal and determination. That by God's help we may enlarge our sphere of usefulness. That in the daily practice of the principles which we profess, we may render a service that will not only promote our own happiness, but will redound to the glory of the Master, and prove a blessing to both Church and State, thereby showing ourselves approved unto God as workmen that need not to be ashamed."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the receipts to have been Twenty-eight Hundred Fifty-one and 40/100 ($2851.40) dollars, and the report of the Grand Treasurer shows investments to the amount of Twenty-four Hundred ($2400.00) dollars, with a cash balance on hand of Twenty-six Hundred Forty-three and 42/100 ($2643.42) dollars.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership of the Grand Chapter at date of meeting of Grand Chapter to be four thousand and seventy-six (4076), an increase of one hundred and seventy (170) over last year.

A resolution was offered containing an Act to be presented to the Legislature of Arkansas for the incorporation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter under the laws of the State, and for other purposes. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who recommended that the proposition be referred to a committee of three, all residents of Little Rock, and lawyers, if possible, who should report their opinion of the best method of forming such corporation. We incline to the belief that they have acted wisely on this important subject; it means that they will go slow on the incorporation business. We would ask a question. What right has the State to have any control over a Masonic body? Incorporation necessarily means that the State shall have some supervision of the body corporate. So long as Masonic Bodies obey the laws of the land in which they are located, the State nor any other authority cannot molest or interfere, hence why should they be given an opportunity to interfere? Pennsylvania wants no incorporation, and what is true of one Jurisdiction we believe to be true of all others.

Most Excellent Companion Fay Hempstead offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"In establishing her Orphans' Home, the Masonic Fraternity of Arkansas has performed a noble duty, and we rejoice to know that by the

levying of the per capita tax of fifty cents per member in the lodges in Arkansas, in conjunction with the fees for degrees, an ample fund has been created for the maintenance of the Home. And now that this splendid institution has been set upon a firm basis, it behooves the Masonic Fraternity of Arkansas to go farther and discharge another duty that devolves upon them; namely, that of providing a home for the aged and afflicted brothers and for destitute widows. And we trust that it will not be long until the Grand Lodge of Arkansas will enter upon this noble undertaking. And

"WHEREAS, there is in the treasury of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas a considerable surplus over and above any apparent needs; therefore,

"*Be It Resolved*, by the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, That the sum of two thousand dollars be set aside and invested by the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter in some safe security, which sum with the interest thereon, shall be added to any fund that may hereafter be created by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas for the erection and establishment of a home for aged and afflicted Masons and destitute widows, as referred to in this resolution."

We are pleased that the Grand Chapter has taken the lead in this noble and deserving enterprise, and hope that their Grand Lodge will not delay in this great work. It is certainly a duty incumbent upon the Fraternity of Free Masons to provide for their aged and afflicted brothers and destitute widows. As Lodges or Chapters, the work cannot be well or economically conducted, but in a Masonic Home they can and do receive every attention, every care and every comfort it is possible for charity to give. There is being erected at Elizabethtown, in our Jurisdiction, what will be the ideal Masonic Home, and we invite our Sister Jurisdictions to examine before engaging in such an enterprise.

Companion EUGENE S. SCHOONOVER prepared the report of the Committee on Correspondence; it is well and faithfully prepared. Pennsylvania receives a two-page review. He quotes largely from the able address

of Most Excellent Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM, and speaks kindly of the report of Committee on Correspondence.

The Proceedings contain an engraving of the new Grand High Priest.

Most Excellent Companion MARK P. OLNEY was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion JOHN C. BONE was re-elected Grand Secretary; both were installed.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in the Asylum of Golden Gate Commandery, San Francisco, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was opened at ten o'clock A. M. by Most Excellent Companion JAMES ROBERT TAPSCOTT, Grand High Priest. After roll call a Committee on Credentials was appointed, who reported all the Grand Officers present except the R. E. Grand Secretary, absent on account of ill health, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of eighty-seven chartered Chapters, and delegates of three Chapters under Dispensation.

Music was rendered by an excellent choir; then followed the prayer of the Grand Chaplain, which we quote in full:

"O Thou Eternal Supreme High Priest of the Universe, our Creator, our Father and our God:

"Again we assemble and for the fifty-seventh time in Annual Convocation, to praise and honor Thee, and to perform our duties as the representatives of the Royal Craft, the Custodians of the Substitute Ark of the Law and the Covenant, which Thou didst deliver on two tables of stone to Thy servant Moses, three thousand, four hundred and two years ago, amidst earthquake, thunders, lightnings, fire and smoke and thick darkness, on Mt. Sinai and overshadowing the great desert below.

"That Law, though deposited with Thy Covenant by Solomon, King of Thy chosen people, Israel, in the glorious temple by him erected to Thee, which, though destroyed, and Israel scattered among the nations of the earth, still survives in full living force, and the Ten Commandments, with the Constitution of the United States of America, of a free people, for which we render to Thee our everlasting gratitude, and for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us as citizens and Masons.

"In Thy wisdom, since we last assembled, Thou hast called to pass within the inner vail two of our beloved Companions—Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Past Grand Masters of Masons of California—William Frank Pierce and Wiley James Tinnin, besides others, who now rest from their labors, for whom we mourn, but rejoice in the profits of their examples and the fruits of their labors, here, and in the full faith and hope that they are with Thee, receiving their rewards for faithful performance of duty and well-spent lives.

"We ask Thy blessings on our labors here in this Convocation, and that the flames of civil war near the southern boundary of our Jurisdiction shall be speedily extinguished; and that liberty, law and order shall prevail, peace be restored and humanity no longer suffer from the inflamed passions of mankind; and this we implore Thee for Thy Great Name's sake. Holiness to the Lord. Amen!"

The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and invited to seats in the East. A number of the Grand Representatives responded to the welcome.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll of the survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906; eighteen answered the call, and advanced in front

of the altar, and were greeted by the Grand High Priest (who was also one of the ones present on that occasion), and invited to seats in the East. The Grand Chapter certainly owes a debt of gratitude to the Companions who on April 18, 1906, assembled, completed their work and preserved the regularity of the Grand Chapter. In order that this subject may be fully understood, we give an extract from the Grand High Priest's address:

"Last, but by no means least, I extend an affectionate greeting to the survivors of those who assembled at the memorable Convocation of this Grand Chapter held in King Solomon's Hall in the old Masonic Temple in this city, on April 18, 1906, just five years ago today, and not only to those who are permitted to be in attendance here this morning, but also to those who (like our beloved Companion, William D. Stephens, now in attendance at the National Capital at the City of Washington, D.C.) in the performance of important duties elsewhere are not permitted to be here to receive the commendation of the Companions which they so richly deserve and so highly appreciate.

"In the history of Capitular Masonry no more loyal or courageous work has ever been recorded than that performed by those Companions who on that eventful morning, in the performance of their duty, as members of this Grand Chapter, after having experienced the terrors incident to that historic occasion, and at a time when the whole city was doomed to destruction by the conflagration then raging, and with the United States troops in evidence everywhere, to assist the municipal authorities in preserving order and protecting property, at the risk of their lives, assembled, and under the leadership of that distinguished Mason, Past Grand High Priest, Thomas Flint, at that time Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, completed the labors initiated the preceding day, and preserved the regularity of this Grand Body by regularly installing its officers for the ensuing year."

The Grand High Priest presented and read his annual address, which is certainly a very able Masonic document, all of it being of vital interest to his own Grand Chapter, and much of it to Capitular Masonry in general.

His greeting to the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California should reach all Grand Chapters, especially those who came to their assistance in the hour of distress, our own Grand Chapter being among that number, hence quote his greeting:

"To the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the various other Grand Jurisdictions, who have honored this Grand Chapter by their presence on this occasion, I extend a most hearty greeting and assure them that not only by reason of the high esteem in which they are personally held, but also because of the fact that they represent Grand Chapters which in times past, when the very souls of men were being tried, in this Grand Jurisdiction, demonstrated their fraternal interest in the welfare of the Companions of this Grand Chapter, not by resolutions alone, but by acts that spoke louder than words, and by manifesting a spirit that made their generosity a blessing, both to the donor and the recipient, and thereby established a standard of action that can never be surpassed and, let us pray, will never be lowered."

He issued Dispensations for the constitution of three new Chapters, for which Charters or Warrants were issued at the Fifty-sixth Convocation; also issued Dispensations for the forming and opening of three new Chapters; also three Dispensations to ballot in less than the statutory time.

He made two decisions which are sound Masonic Law, and in accord with our Law; one of them, in reference to membership in a subordinate Chapter, we quote:

"'Several years ago a dimitted Blue Lodge Mason, who was also a dimitted Royal Arch Mason, petitioned the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at the same time for affiliation. He was elected in the Chapter and rejected in the Blue Lodge. He continued, until about a year or so ago, making application for affiliation in the Blue Lodge every six months, and each time was rejected. He has not applied recently for affiliation and has been out of standing in the Blue Lodge for a year or more. He wants to remain a member of the Chapter and tenders his dues. Should

the Secretary receive his dues and give him a receipt therefor, and does he remain a member in good standing of our Chapter so long as he pays his dues and is not suspended?'

"Upon the consideration of the provisions of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., and Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and the decisions of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of the United States, the following decision was rendered:

"No Companion can keep in good standing in his Chapter by paying his dues unless he is at the same time in good standing as a Blue Lodge Mason; and when the attention of the High Priest of a Chapter is called to the fact that a member of his Chapter is not in good standing as a Blue Lodge Mason, it is his duty to 'exclude' the Companion, and such Companion should not be permitted to pay his dues to the Secretary of the Chapter, or obtain the receipt of the Secretary therefor until such Companion shall first have reinstated himself as a Master Mason."

He rebuked those who sought to have the Grand High Priest use his exalted position to influence National, State or Municipal Legislation pertaining to secular matters, no matter how worthy the subject. We would call it plain and simply Masonic politics here. Masonry should avoid meddling in political matters, and particularly in legislation. No law will ever be passed abridging any of our rights as Free Masons, hence we should confine ourselves to advancing the best interests of our loved fraternity.

He made eight Grand visitations; in several instances he was accompanied by a number of Grand Officers. On each visitation he was enthusiastically received and most cordially welcomed by all. No doubt the visitations would be productive of much good to Capitular Masonry.

He pays a deserved tribute to the Grand Lecturer for the great work he has accomplished in bringing a

high standard of efficiency to the subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. He may virtually be termed the mouthpiece of the Grand Chapter in so far as the work is concerned. Isn't it a wise system wherever one person is able to visit all Chapters and instruct the officers and members in the correct work? In such a case there can be no question of uniformity.

The "Panama Pacific International Exposition" is to be held within the bounds of this Jurisdiction in the year 1915; thus early he would urge the appointment of a committee to correspond and report to the Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation ways and means whereby the Grand Chapter may meet every requirement devolving upon it. This is certainly timely, as there doubtless will be a large number of distinguished Companions visit the Golden State during the time named.

In his farewell to the Grand Chapter he uses language that we can all approve:

"And now, my Companions, I bid you adieu! God alone knows for how long! Only the Infinite can tell what a year may bring forth. One year ago from this very rostrum a beloved Companion used this earnest and significant language, which, in the light of subsequent events, was fraught with a meaning perhaps but little appreciated by those who heard it:

" 'Let us consider each other's welfare as our own, as near as possible, and be every ready to offer a helping hand and give words of encouragement and hope to an erring Companion, ever remembering that we all have faults.. 'Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.'

"With a heart full of gratitude and an earnest prayer that Heaven's choicest blessings may be with you and with your loved ones, I willingly surrender to you the authority with which you clothed me one year ago, but retain, I pray, as long as life shall last, the respect, confidence and affection which prompted you to thus honor me."

The Grand Secretary's report for year ending January 31, 1911, shows the membership to be eleven thousand eight hundred ninety-three (11,893), an increase of four hundred twenty-two (422) during the year.

The Grand Treasurer's report for the year shows the assets to be Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eight and 05/100 ($20,808.05) dollars in cash, and Fifty Thousand ($50,000) dollars stock in the Masonic Temple Association of California.

The report of the Committee on New Temple shows that the funds necessary for its erection are about available, and that they confidently expect the cornerstone to be laid on St. John's Day of this year. The Grand Chapter has subscribed for Sixty Thousand ($60,000) dollars of the stock, and paid in Fifty Thousand ($50,000) dollars of the amount.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter, April, 1910, a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee for "advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and to formulate a plan similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas, whereby a petition for the Chapter degrees must be accompanied by a petition for the Council." The committee, in a carefully prepared report, advised against the proposition. The report was approved by the Grand Chapter. Why shouldn't they have reported as they did? In Masonry it must always be of your own free will and accord, no double-header, no com-

pulsion. If any Masonic body cannot live without enforced membership, it had better die.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIS. Pennsylvania, for some unknown reason, is not reviewed.

Steel engravings of Most Excellent Companion JAMES B. TAPSCOTT, Grand High Priest, and Past Grand High Priests Companions W. FRANK PIERCE and JOHN F. HUGHES, adorn the Proceedings.

Most Excellent Companion CHARLES WILLIS NORTON was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, and WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIS was elected Grand Secretary; illness prevented his attendance, consequently was not installed.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada held their Fifty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall in the city of Toronto on Wednesday, February 22, 1911.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by Most Excellent Companion GEORGE MOORE, Grand Z. A majority of the Grand Officers being present, the vacancies were filled by appointment.

The attendance was large, comprising twelve of the Grand Superintendents and the Representatives of one hundred and seventeen Chapters.

Royal Arch Masons were admitted to Grand Chapters as visitors by the direction of the Most Excellent Grand Z.

The Grand Z. presented a very able address, as usual; it most interests his own Grand Chapter, yet much of it is very interesting and instructive to all Royal Arch Masons.

In his introduction he refers to this meeting in the following language:

"I extend to you a hearty and fraternal greeting, each and every one, and welcome you most cordially to this the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. I trust that our assembling will prove profitable to us all, and that our deliberations will be conducted in peace and harmony, having in view that only which conduces to the advancement and prosperity of our Order. And as in the past, so let us renew our vows of fidelity to endeavor to live and work for God, our country and mankind, and esteem it a glorious privilege to be members of our beloved institution, whose objects are the alleviation of suffering and distress and the propagation of those Masonic principles, truth, honor and virtue, whose founder is the Great Architect of the Universe, and His word the Rock on which we build.

"I also greet you, my Companions, with a heart full of thankfulness to Almighty God for all His blessings during the past year. Sickness and sorrow have entered many homes, and death has taken away our loved ones, yet we have been mercifully spared. Let us, therefore, with humble hearts offer praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts for His care and protection, and while we rejoice that it is our privilege to meet each other again in Grand Convocation, let us stop a moment and think of those who have 'toiled all the day' but have now crossed the river and gone to their reward."

He refers, in beautiful language, to the dead of his and other Jurisdictions; the loss was large of those who had held important positions in their Grand Chapter. We quote his words of eulogy of England's great King, Edward VII:

"The early days of the month of May were darkly clouded by tidings of the illness and subsequent death of His Majesty King Edward VII, beloved by his millions of subjects in the great empire and esteemed by a world of nations. By no section of his loving people was the sad message received with more genuine sorrow than in the bosom of the great fraternity to which he had allied himsef in youth, and which claimed his fealty and protection throughout a lifetime in which the Masonic principles and teachings were vividly exemplified. He was a loyal adherent, a noble Grand Master, and a faithful protector of the Ancient Craft, which now and for ages to come will cherish his memory. A cabled message of sympathy from the fourteen thousand members of this Grand Chapter was despatched from the office of the Grand Scribe E., and its receipt promptly acknowledged."

Under the head of "Personal Observations," he discusses a number of subjects of great interest to Capitular Masonry; would like to quote the subject in its entirety, but space forbids, but give to our Grand Chapter his views on the Royal Arch:

"Before entering further into the details of the past year I want to speak to you regarding my impressions gained through intercourse with the Companions in my various peregrinations. Our position among the existing Masonic bodies is unique. The Royal Arch is the only body which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. A Royal Arch Mason may wear the distinctive jewel of that Order in any Craft lodge under its jurisdiction, a privilege which no other body of Masons enjoys. I trust that all the Grand Lodges to which we bear close kinship will adopt the same wise provision. Time was when the Royal Arch was worked within the Blue Lodge until the formation of Chapters gave it a distinction of its own, but the same similitude exists. The Royal Arch is still the complement, or completion, of the Master Mason degree, and we find the Royal Arch Mason really assisting the Craft Lodge, thus enhancing the prospects of the Chapter.

"I note the intense interest manifested everywhere in the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. It is not confined to any district in particular, nor to a few select Companions, nor can it be imputed to idle curiosity, or a desire to merely pass the time. Go where you will throughout the jurisdiction where the supreme degree is to be conferred and there will be found the 'household of the faithful.' The ambition of every First Principal should be to confer that degree in all its sublimity, to lose self, realize the sacred duty which has been intrusted to him, and to inspire

his Companions with new zeal and resolution to go out into the world with love and reverence for God's Holy Name."

Under the same head he pays his respect to a condition which is not confined to his own Jurisdiction, but can be found in this and, we believe, in all Jurisdictions—ignorance of the Constitution and of the work of the Capitular degrees. He thus expresses himself:

"I observe that there exists a general lack of knowledge of the Constitution. This can be readily understood from the standpoint of the inactive member, who, having been presented with a copy on his admission to the Chapter, carries it home and that is the last he sees of it, believing that it interests the officers only. Unfortunately some officers, on the other hand, seem to think that the laws which govern our fraternity are secrets which are only instrusted to the Grand First Principal, and, without giving the Constitution a thought, they jump over the head of the Grand Superintendent and apply for a ruling from the Grand East, when a reference to a section of the Constitution covering the question is all that is necessary.

"I am of the opinion that the trouble rests largely on the shoulders of the examining boards, who adopt slip-shod methods, stifle their consciences, and graciously hoist a Companion into office who they know is incompetent, and trust to luck or the generous disposition of past officers to help him out. The result invariably is that the members soon comprehend the situation and, rather than watch the inefficient officer bungle through his duties, they absent themselves, lose interest in the working, and thus do irreparable harm to the Chapter. The election of officers according to seniority without considering the question of ability is a perilous mistake, for the bestowal of honors on the unworthy seeker enriches him not at all and makes the Chapter poor indeed."

Ignorance of the Constitution is prevalent in this Jurisdiction, also of the By-Laws and decisions of the Grand High Priest. It seems, in instances, that the Constitution and By-Laws are sealed books, only to be admired, while the Proceedings are rarely taken from the hall. To find a particular subject would require an examination of the Constitution and By-Laws, and the

looking up of a decision might require the examination of the proceedings of several years, hence they write the District Deputy Grand High Priest, and instances go direct to the Grand High Priest, doubtless imagining that they have nothing to do except aid their ignorance. It is a growing evil, and should be checked. On the subject of ignorance of the work of the Capitular degrees, with us this has been, as we believe, practically solved, as no one can be installed as High Priest of a Chapter unless able to do the work.

He condemns electioneering pretty strongly, but refrains from the use of the name "Masonic Politics," and terms it "Indiscreet Zeal." What he says is sound Masonic sense, and should meet the approval of all. Personal solicitation of votes for a friend may not be so bad, but the sending out over the state, circulars enumerating the good qualities of a particular candidate, approaches the danger line, and should be prohibited. Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM, of this Jurisdiction, voices the sentiments of our Grand Chapter in his annual address December 27, 1910.

Two Dispensations were issued for the formation of new Chapters, one at the city of Prince Rupert, on the far-off Pacific Coast, and the other for a second Chapter at the prosperous and growing city of Calgary, Alberta.

He made quite a number of visitations; in every instance was accorded a hearty welcome; also attended four Chapters of inspection, in several the Capitular

degrees were conferred by different subordinate Chapters, thus enabling the Grand Z. to correct the work.

He commends most heartily the work of the Grand Superintendents, and justly so; their reports show how well they have performed their duty. The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, in their report, say: "The manner in which the Grand Superintendents have discharged their duties calls for the highest praise, as well as the gratitude, of this Grand Chapter." Their labors are, without doubt, love and devotion to Capitular Masonry. Take the example of a Grand Superintendent who is planning an itinerary by which he can visit all the Chapters in his District within two weeks, with a journey of thirteen hundred miles.

The office of the Grand Superintendent in the Grand Chapter of Canada is similar to that of District Deputy Grand High Priest with us. Where would you find a Companion in our Jurisdiction who would make a like sacrifice? Some find it difficult to visit all the Chapters of their District where they have less than a dozen Chapters.

In conclusion, he says:

"And now, Companions, the time has come in which I am to lay down the sceptre, which your kindness placed in my hands, and resign the authority with which you honored me. I have endeavored to serve you with all my strength, and with my best thought, in the interests of our beloved Order; wherein I have failed, it has been because of human infirmity and not of lack of will to do the right, and I am sure that I may count upon your charity and the kindness of your hearts to pardon in me that which has been imperfect. We are all able to look back over the road by which we have come with thankfulness, recognizing with humble gratitude the guiding hand of Him who has directed us. If we

have been blessed beyond our desert and prospered beyond our hope, it is because the great Architect of the Universe has been our stay and our support; next to that, let us not forget that the prosperity of our Order results mainly from the efforts of all its members, and no one knows better than I how earnest the Companions throughout the jurisdiction have been in doing the work they were called upon to do. They have my gratitude, not only because they have been more than kind to me, but because they have steadfastly and unselfishly given to Capitular Masonry the best that was in them."

The annual reports of the Grand Superintendents were again read, with more than ordinary interest. They are not only a history of the various Chapters on the night of visitation, but also show the future prospects of each Chapter. There is another important question in the report, "Can the Excellent Z. work all the degrees?" The reports from one hundred forty-two (142) Chapters show that in one hundred thirty-four (134) Chapters the Excellent Z. can work all the degrees, and eight (8) he cannot. The Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada are to be congratulated on this condition. We incline to the belief that there are few, if any, Jurisdictions which can equal this.

The financial affairs of the Grand Chapter are well managed. The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets to be Thirty-three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-eight and 68/100 ($33,968.68), considerable gain over last year.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows Capitular Masonry in Canada to be in a healthy condition. He divides the subordinate Chapters into three classes, active, dilatory and delinquent. Think he is about right; every Jurisdiction is in about the same condition.

The report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry shows the present membership to be fourteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-one (14,721), an increase of six hundred fifteen (615) during the year, and one hundred forty-six (146) regular warranted Chapters and five (5) under Dispensation.

Under the head of "Work," the following language occurs, which we commend to the Chapters of our own Jurisdiction:

"The work is what holds the body together, and, therefore, it is highly desirable that it should be rendered in an intelligent manner and correct form. The work, as seen by the Grand Superintendents, is said to have been accurate and well rendered, but your Committee regrets that in a number of instances the Grand Superintendents saw no work except the opening and closing of the Chapter. The Grand Superintendents, in some cases, report from hearsay, and express their opinion from this hearsay evidence that the work is well done. This sort of information is no good, as it conveys nothing to your Committee. Your Committee is of opinion that when a Grand Superintendent is about to visit a Chapter he should give notice of his intention, and say that he will expect to see the Royal Arch degree worked, and if he did so, then he would have some personal knowledge of the work of the Chapter. If the Chapter found it more convenient to work one of the subordinate degrees no Grand Superintendent would object to that, but in the opinion of your Committee a full-dress rehearsal of the Royal Arch degree would be infinitely better to exhibit the accuracy of the work than a mere opening and closing, and then taking the word of someone else as to the character of the ordinary work.

"Your Committee notices in some instances that the work was done by the Past Principals of the Chapters. This is not what is expected on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Superintendent. It is expected, and should be insisted upon, that the officers of the year will do the work, so that their capabilities may be seen. One Grand Superintendent dilates upon this practice at considerable length. The intention and practice of all branches of Masonry in this great Jurisdiction is that the officers of the year shall do the work, and this should be rigidly insisted upon."

On the question of the growth of Capitular Masonry he goes further than we can endorse, but he speaks so

freely and correctly of the Royal Arch Degree that we quote the paragraph:

"Your Committee is greatly exercised at the small numerical growth that has taken place during the year. It is a matter that should be carefully enquired into by the Grand Superintendents, for where there is such an abundance of material to select from, as there is from the Ottawa River to the far Yukon, the numerical growth of the Order should be very much larger than it has been during the past year. The Royal Arch degree is the crowning point of a Master Mason's Masonic life, and if he never goes beyond that degree his Masonic career will be well rounded out. If he lacks the knowledge and training of the Royal Arch degree he is not a fully equipped Mason. Every effort is admissible, and should be put forth by Royal Arch Masons to bring within their charmed circle all good and true Master Masons."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by the Chairman, R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT. Pennsylvania is again courteously handled in a two-page review. He endorses our views on the association called the "Eastern Star."

An engraving of the Most Excellent Grand Z., FRED. W. HARCOURT, adorns the first page of the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion FRED. W. HARCOURT was elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT Grand Scribe E.; both were installed.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the Masonic Temple, Denver, Thursday, December 21, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M. by Most Excellent Grand High Priest H. W. WOODWARD.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed, who reported the presence of all Grand Chapter Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests (permanent members), and Representatives of all subordinate Chapters, forty-one in number.

The first business in order being the calling of the roll of deceased Past Grand High Priests, something new—yet appropriate. Many of them were the pioneers in Capitular Masonry, and aided in carrying the Grand Chapter through its early trials, and succeeded in placing it on its present firm foundation.

The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Colorado who were present, thirty-five in number (Pennsylvania being represented), were introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. A response was made by Companion JAMES R. KILLIAN, in which he refers to the Royal Arch Degree, as follows:

"The Royal Arch degree is based upon the important Biblical and historical event of the return of the Children of Israel from their captivity in Babylon and the rebuilding of the Temple. Let us today, as members of the Royal Craft, exercise faith to believe that the same God who has so signally manifested Himself to His children in the days that are past, can and will also enable us as individuals to break the bonds of every vice, appetite and passion which would enslave us and make ourselves as living Temples, fit habitations for the indwelling of the Most High. In so doing, we shall acquire an assurance that is firm and enduring, an increased confidence in our fellow-man and his good purposes; a hope that is ever-abiding and always inspiring; and a faith that can lift us above the clouds of human doubt and place us face to face with our God."

The Grand High Priest then presented his address, which is principally a review of his official acts, hence refers particularly to his own Jurisdiction.

He granted a number of Dispensations to install certain officers at other than the required time, one to hold annual election out of time. Two Dispensations were granted to give the final lecture of the Royal Arch Degree to more than the lawful number at the same time; a By-Law prohibiting such a course, the matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported an amendment to the By-Law, allowing it to be done by Dispensation of Grand High Priest. We have no Constitutional prohibition in this matter, and our custom is to give the final lecture to all the candidates at the same time. Some of our Chapters would consume the night in this work unless this course was pursued; it is a necessity, at times, with all Chapters.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of two new Chapters in growing and prosperous portions of the state.

At the requests of the Grand High Priests of four different Jurisdictions, he authorized the conferring of the degrees upon two Brethren who had been approved in other Jurisdictions, and upon two who had been approved and received all but the Royal Arch Degree in other Jurisdictions. This custom is not recognized in our Jurisdiction. We regard it as unwise in every respect. It is the limit of Masonic courtesy.

He made but one decision, which cannot interest us, but give it for information: "A Companion having

received the degrees in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction, at the request of a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, becomes a member of the Chapter making the request."

He made but two Grand Visitations, a series of business emergencies preventing.

On the condition of the Craft, he uses the following language:

"Capitular Masonry in Colorado is thriving. The Grand Secretary's report will show a net increase in our membership of 307, and I hope and believe that the new material is of the best, and that those who have knocked at our doors during the past year have not considered the Chapter merely a stepping stone to something else, but have seen it in its true light, as the completion and rounding out of Ancient Craft Masonry."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows an improvement in the financial condition over last year. They now have on hand Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-eight and 21/100 ($7,678.21) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows forty-two Chapters, with a membership of four thousand four hundred and ten (4,410), an increase of three hundred seven (307) over last year.

An appropriation of Five Hundred ($500.00) dollars was made to assist in the entertainment of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Denver in 1913.

Companion JOHN M. MAXWELL, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion H. W. WOODWARD, with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel in an eloquent and able address. The response of M. E. Companion WOODWARD was equally able.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by the Chairman M. E. Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster. Pennsylvania is kindly treated by the Chairman. We thank him for his information in reference to Chapter receipts.

The question of the expense of maintenance in Masonic Homes is problematical. No fixed rule will apply, but it would be fair to claim that our Brethren can be maintained better and cheaper in a Masonic Home than elsewhere. Our Grand Lodge will demonstrate to the Masonic world that their guests will be provided for better and cheaper in their new home at Elizabethtown than it is possible to do in any other way.

An engraving of the present Grand High Priest adorns the proceedings.

M. E. Companion John Q. Macdonald was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion Charles H. Jacobson, was re-elected Grand Secretary; both were installed.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

A Special Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut was held in the city of Meriden on Wednesday, March 15, 1911, at two o'clock P. M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion Eugene A. Hall, Grand High Priest.

The report of Committee on Credentials shows all of

the Grand Chapter Officers present, eleven Past Grand High Priests and the officers of thirty-four of the forty Chapters.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive and welcome Most Excellent Companion NATHAN KINGSLY, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

M. E. Companion EDWARD F. HILL, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion ALFRED A. ADAMS, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced.

R. E. Companion HENRY D. HAMILTON, General Grand Master of First Vail of the General Grand Chapter, was introduced.

M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest, escorted by eleven Past Grand High Priests, was then introduced.

All the distinguished Companions were received with honors due their rank, welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and escorted to seats in the East. The General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, addressed the Grand Chapter.

After the close of the Grand Chapter, a reception was tendered the Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 9, 1911.

Grand Chapter was opened at ten o'clock A. M. by

the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion EUGENE A. HALL.

All the Grand Chapter Officers were present, fourteen Past Grand High Priests; forty constituent Chapters were represented by officers or proxies.

They had as visitors a number of distinguished Companions from the Grand Chapter of New York:

M. E. Companion EDWARD F. HILL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion ALFRED A. ADAMS, Grand Captain of Host.

R. E. Companion ELIAS WHITNEY, Grand Representative of California.

R. E. Companion JAMES CHAMBERS, Grand Representative of Connecticut.

M. E. Companion EDWARD F. HILL and R. E. Companions MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY and JAMES CHAMBERS addressed the Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a review of his actions as Grand High Priest.

He granted a number of Dispensations for various purposes, to ballot on petitions at Special Convocations, to hold election, and two to Chapters to hold their meetings at such suitable places as they might secure, their halls having been destroyed by fire; he says good reasons were shown in each case.

In referring to the visit of the General Grand High Priest, he says as follows:

"The interest manifested by the Chapters throughout the State in the official visit of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest is shown by the fact that representatives of thirty-four of the forty Chapters accepted the invitation to attend. A complete record of this Special Convocation will be printed with the proceedings of this Annual Convocation."

He made ten official visitations; in two of the visits he was accompanied by all the Grand Officers, certainly a compliment. He has no criticisms to make, as the Grand Chapters are uniformly and carefully proficient in the standard work.

He made two recommendations, which should receive endorsement:

First.—A contingent fund from which could be paid unexpected expenses for which no provision had been made.

Second.—A liberal appropriation to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, to be used for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

Peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction; not a complaint was made, hence decisions were uncalled for.

The Chapters of the Jurisdiction are divided, so far as visitations are concerned, between the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe; their reports show the Chapters to be in good condition and up to the standard in the work.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the balance on hand in cash to be Twenty-seven Hundred Sixty-four and 63/100 ($2764.63) dollars, a slight decrease during the year.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be eighty-six hundred nineteen (8619), an increase of three hundred forty-one (341) over last year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George Akies. Pennsylvania receives good treatment. He quotes from the Circular Letter of Grand High Priest Sundstrom, from paragraphs 1 to 6, inclusive, and characterizes paragraph 6, "Re-elected officers must be installed," as useless red tape. Why shouldn't they? It don't hurt them; with us such has always been the custom, and we propose to continue the same.

An engraving of Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Eugene A. Hall is bound with the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion George R. Morris was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion James McCormick re-elected Grand Secretary. The Proceedings say, "The officers elected and approved, with the exception of Grand Master of the First Vail and the Grand Tyler, were installed." We take it for granted that the re-elected Grand Secretary was re-installed.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The Most Excellent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware held their Forty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, on Wednesday, January 18, 1911.

Grand Chapter was opened at four o'clock and ten minutes by Most Excellent Companion J. Stuart Horne, Grand High Priest, with all the elective and appointed Grand Officers present except two, eight Past Grand High Priests, and a number of Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, together with Representatives from all subordinate Chapters, four in number.

Quite a number of distinguished visitors were present, among the number Most Excellent Companion George E. Carson, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a review of his actions.

We quote his reference to the fraternal dead:

"Before proceeding with the business that has called us together, let us pause a moment in loving remembrance of our fraternal dead. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude to our Supreme High Priest who presides in the Holy of Holies above, for the many tender mercies bestowed upon us during the past year, and especially for having left our official circle unbroken. Not so, however, with many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions and our own subordinate Chapters, whose ranks have been invaded by the grim reaper, and under the fateful strokes of his relentless scythe many have fallen. To their virtues, zeal, and fidelity, as men and Masons, we pay fitting tribute."

After enumerating the dead, he uses the following stanza:

"When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,
Its closing eye looks up to thee in prayer,
Sweet the repose, beneath thy wings o'er shadowing,
But sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
Oh! in that hour, and fairer than day's dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee."

At this point the reading of his address was suspended, and the custom of last year followed. A Companion sang the hymn "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"; then followed a prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Last year we termed this action an "innovation"; have no idea whence it comes; don't believe it would be countenanced in conservative Pennsylvania, yet personally we admire it, and believe it would make a profound impression.

Our neighbors across the river are certainly good. The Grand High Priest was not asked to make a decision, or even to interpret a law.

He appointed and commissioned a number of Representatives, at the suggestion of Grand High Priests, and at his suggestion a number were appointed to represent other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

He investigated the system of Grand Representatives, so far as Delaware was concerned, with the result that he notified a number of Grand High Priests that their Grand Chapters had not been represented in the

Grand Chapter of Delaware for years, and that he believed they should have representatives who could and would attend Grand Chapter, and recommended a Companion for each Grand Chapter who would fill the office with dignity and credit. This may be considered summary action, but what right has any Companion to accept an appointment and fail to give it any attention? He was absolutely right; Grand Representative is an appointment of the Grand High Priest and not of the Grand Chapter, hence, exercising that power, he named Companions who would attend Grand Chapter and perform any duty the position demanded, as well as claim the honor of being the accredited Representative. During my term as Grand High Priest I made a very careful examination of the subject of Grand Representatives, and about concluded that it was a failure, and have seen nothing since to convince me otherwise.

He made official visits to all the Chapters of his Jurisdiction, also to Chapters 234 and 284 of our Jurisdiction, and the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

He speaks very pleasantly of his own Jurisdiction in the following language:

"Our Grand Jurisdiction is at peace with the whole Masonic world and its internal affairs have for the past year run smoothly as a placid stream, without the least ripple of disturbance or lack of harmony upon or beneath its surface. This should awaken the pride and admiration of every Royal Arch Mason in the State."

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be ten hundred and fifty-eight (1058), an increase of forty-six (46) during the year.

The report of Finance Committee shows a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of Eight Hundred Ninety-six and 41/100 ($896.41) dollars and investments amounting to Four Hundred Thirty-six and 81/100 ($436.81) dollars.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CARSON, Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was presented, and delivered an address reviewing the organization of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address approves his action in reference to Grand Representatives in the following language:

"Your Committee approves the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in removing from office the derelicts who failed to represent the Grand Chapters to which they were assigned, and appointing in their steads Companions who, in his judgment, would satisfactorily perform their duties."

We endorse this report, and would like to see similar action in all Jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, in which he says: "We have been enabled to offer you a pretty full report, which we trust you who read it may find it interesting and entertaining."

We have read the greater portion of it, and can say that it is both interesting and entertaining.

Our own Jurisdiction is carefully reviewed in a general outline of our Proceedings. He gives unqualified indorsement to Grand High Priest Companion SUNDSTROM on electioneering. Let the good work go on.

The Proceedings would not be complete without the face of Grand High Priest Companion HORNE adorning the first page.

Companion ALBERT F. POLK was elected and installed Grand High Priest; Companion JAMES H. PRICE was re-elected Grand Secretary, but was not installed; presume they regard one installation sufficient.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Two Convocations of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia were held during the year.

A Special Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple on January 29, 1911, at one o'clock P. M. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Companion KENTON N. HARPER, Grand High Priest; all elective and appointed Grand Officers were in their stations and places except Grand Treasurer and Grand Chaplain, also eleven Past Grand High Priests, a large attendance of members of the Grand Chapter, and Past Grand High Priest Companion MILTON J. HULL, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest Companion THEODORE G. DE MOLL, which occurred on January 27th, and further announced that the purpose of the Convocation was to attend his funeral. A number of Companions eulogized the life and character of the deceased Grand High Priest. Pall

bearers were named on behalf of the Grand Chapter; Grand Chapter went to the home of the deceased, from there to Rock Creek Cemetery, and then returned to Masonic Temple, when Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample Form.*

The Forty-first Annual Convocation was held at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, February 8th, at seven o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by Companion KENTON N. HARPER, Grand High Priest; all Grand Officers except Grand Treasurer were present, also fifteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of all Chapters in the Jurisdiction. Pennsylvania's Representative was not among the Grand Representatives present.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CARSON, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter and the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia (both members of the Grand Chapter), were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest read a very able address reviewing his year's work. In speaking of the condition of Capitular Masonry, he uses the following language:

"If we measure prosperity and success by numerical growth the year does not reach the standard of the last decade, but if, with a clearer view of the subject, we take as a basis for comparison the degree of harmony and interest among the Companions of this Jurisdiction, then will the year go down into history as one of brilliant achievement, and it is no exaggeration to say that never before has Capitular Masonry drawn

closer to the fulfillment of its highest destiny than in the very recent past.

"To even the superficial observer the vital fact stands out clearly that during the year the movement toward a closer union of the Chapters has greatly advanced, with the result that the lines of separation may now be said to be imaginary, and with this drawing together has come a broader, higher conception of the meaning and possibilities of fraternity which marks the beginning of a new era in local Capitular Masonry and justifies the most optimistic hope for the future."

He names the distinguished dead of his own and other Jurisdictions, and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Theodore G. De Moll.

But one decision was made, involving the vexed question of Jurisdiction; the decision is lengthy. The question of the status of officers and enlisted men in Army and Navy was raised, but finally makes the residence of the applicant where he had received his Symbolic degrees; the decision is sound Masonic Law.

He issued three Dispensations to waive the statutory period of residence; he exercised great care in these cases. He also refused three Dispensations, two for statutory period of residence, and one to confer three degrees on a candidate in one evening; the reasons given for the applications were not sufficient.

He speaks as follows in reference to his visits and the degrees conferred:

"It has been my privilege to visit each of the Chapters in an informal way during the year and to see the degrees conferred in nearly all of them, and it involves no invidious comparison with other administrations to say that the work has in every instance been rendered with unusual accuracy and impressiveness. This is due, of course, in a large measure to the conscientious efforts of our efficient and tireless Grand Visitor and

Lecturer, but the care in the selection of the official lines now generally exercised, and which is one of the encouraging developments of the latter days, is also an important factor in achieving this result."

He is certainly right on the subject of selection of official lines.

In a recommendation he strongly urges the incorporating in the Annual Proceedings "A portrait and biographical sketch of the Grand High Priest of the year." The idea is good; it will give to the future members of the Grand Chapter a history of those who preceded them.

He is deeply interested in the Masonic Home, and urges that Capitular Masonry become active on this subject, to which we say "Amen." We believe our Grand Chapter should do its part toward the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, the only Masonic charity under the direct control of the Grand Lodge in our Jurisdiction.

We give his farewell:

"And now, Companions, having given an account of my stewardship I am about to return to you the emblem of authority with which you invested me one year ago.

"In doing so I would be untrue to myself if I did not, in some fashion at least, express a measure of the gratitude and appreciation I feel in having been accorded this high honor.

"My entire service in this official line has been a series of delightful, broadening years. The precious friendships formed and the close personal touch into which I have come with the Companions of this Jurisdiction has been not only an education but an inspiration. As I anticipated when I accepted the office, I have received the hearty, gracious support of every Companion upon whom I have called for advice or assistance and feel that I would be remiss, indeed, if I did not pay especial tribute to that pillar of strength, our Grand Secretary. Only those who have passed this way can

form any true estimate of his worth, and I do him but slight justice when I say that no Jurisdiction has a more conscientious, capable and tactful officer than R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston.

"I have erred, doubtless, many times during the year, but I would have you believe that I have endeavored to do my whole duty according to the light that was given me, and feel assured you will not attribute my shortcomings to conscious neglect.

"To one with any appreciation of its meaning this moment of separation cannot fail to hold a note of sadness.

"The happier they who see the goal afar,
The victory just ahead, and almost won,
Than those whose eager, wayworn feet have reached
Olympus' gold-crowned height, and then passed on.

"Yet I am the richer, I am the happier, I am the better for my career in this official line, and for the great privilege of that experience I most sincerely thank you."

We believe everyone who has served as Grand High Priest will endorse the above.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of Forty-four Hundred Sixteen and 88/100 ($4416.88) dollars.

The Trustees' report shows investments amounting to Thirty-three Hundred Fifty ($3350.00) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be thirty-five hundred and eighty-two (3582), being five (5) less than last year.

We note that in almost every instance the report of the Committee on Grievance is: "Nothing has been referred to the committee for consideration during the past year." It certainly speaks well for the peace and harmony prevailing in Capitular Masonry.

The Proceedings contain engravings and biographical sketches of the following Past Grand High Priests: James E. F. Holmead, 1867; Benjamin B. French, 1869, and Theodore G. De Moll, 1896, all deceased; also of Kenton N. Harper, 1911. Companions DeMoll and Harper were born in Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion Moses D. Mull was elected and installed Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston was re-elected Grand Secretary, but was not re-installed. Following the regulations of Grand Chapter, with us re-elected officers have to be re-installed.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is the work of the Chairman, Companion Roe Fulkerson. Pennsylvania is accorded a half page. Our Proceedings simply contain a minute of the doings on Grand Chapter.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

We have received Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England for the Quarterly Convocations of Wednesday, February 1; Wednesday, May 3, and Wednesday, August 2, 1911.

At each Convocation, Grand Chapter was opened in *Ancient and Solemn Form* by M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Pro Grand Z., with E. Companion Sir Edward Letchworth,

F. S. A. Grand Scribe E., at May and August Quarterly Convocation; at February Quarterly, in the absence of Grand Scribe E., we presume the station was filled by E. Companion William Lake, Assistant Grand Scribe E. There were a large number of Grand Officers, the Principals and Past Principals of subordinate Chapters present.

The "Committee of General Purposes" presented a report at each Convocation embodying the business to come before Grand Chapter, and on the motion of the Chairman of the committee the report was adopted.

During the period covered by the Convocations, petitions were received and approved for nineteen new Chapters, nine of which were for places in the Dependencies of Great Britain, one in Sudan, one in the Malay States, one in India, one in Burmah, one in Egypt and four in Africa. Thirteen Chapters were authorized to change their place of meeting.

The selection of officers differs materially from our method in that there is no election, as is indicated by the following:

"The following E. Companions were declared and appointed officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year."

Here follows the list of officers, some thirty in number.

We also note that in a number of instances offices are awarded, according to the Regulations of the Order,

"upon the Brethern whose appointment in Grand Lodge entitles them thereto, if Royal Arch Masons."

This was the custom in Pennsylvania in the early years of the Grand Chapter, the elective officers of the Grand Lodge being (if Royal Arch Masons) the officers of the Grand Chapter.

We note that H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn K. G., etc., etc., is named as Grand Z.; we take it that it is only in name, an honor, and that Right Hon. Lord AMPTHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., is Pro Grand Z. acting for the Grand Z.

At the May Convocation the "Committee of General Purposes," nine in number, was appointed and elected for the ensuing year. E. Companion R. HORTON-SMITH, K. C., was again elected President. If the Proceedings are an index, he certainly performs his duty in an acceptable manner.

The audit as reported at each Quarterly Convocation shows the Grand Chapter to be in good financial standing.

The Proceedings of May Convocation contain a list of contributions of the various subordinate Chapters to the Grand Chapter for the year from April 1, 1910, to March 31, 1911, amounting to £2,067-2-5, and from other sources £333-3-1, with balance on hand April 1, 1910, amounting to £3,359-7-0, with expenditures of £2,498-8-6, leaving a balance of £860-18-6.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of September 6 and December 6, 1910; February 28 and June 6, 1911, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown have been received.

The Communication of September 6th was opened in *Due Form* by R. W. the Earl of Stradbroke, Dep. Grand Master on the Throne, with R. W. Charles F. Matier, P. G. W. Grand Secretary, and a full complement of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the death of Most Worshipful Brother the Earl of Amherst, who, as Lord Holmesdale, was Deputy Grand Master, 1860 to 1863, and Grand Master from 1863 to 1866. He also presided at the Nineteenth Anniversay Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in 1887, at which there was collected a larger amount than at any Festival previous to that date.

Two Lodges which had failed to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge were removed from the Roll of Lodges. Pretty severe treatment.

The Forty-second Annual Festival of Fund of Benevolence realized the sum of £5,490-12, paid and promised. The Chairman and Board of Stewards were congratulated on their success.

The Communications of December 10, 1910; February 28 and June 6, 1911, were opened in form by R. W. R. Loveland-Loveland, K. C., Prov. Grand

Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, as Grand Master, on the Throne. R. W. Charles F. Matier, P. G. W. Grand Secretary, with a full corps of Grand Officers at each meeting.

The business of each Communication was prepared by the "General Board." This committee is useful, as it investigates all matters which are presented, and reports only those requiring consideration. After a measure has been passed upon by this Board, it meets the approval of Grand Lodge. A great saving of time for the Grand Lodge.

At the December Communication, W. Bro. G. A. King (P. G. Steward), p. m. and w. m. 198, placed in nomination a candidate for Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the following language:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair, it is an indication of the freedom of our Constitution that the nomination of a Grand Master should come, not from the dais, but from the body of Grand Lodge. And until this moment I thought myself happy in being entrusted with that duty. But I know now that like many honorable tasks it is also difficult. Not that I have any doubt that the nomination which I am about to make will be most acceptable to this Grand Lodge: my difficulty lies in the manner of making it. It is not easy to be concise without appearing to be curt, nor to express one's real feelings without incurring the suspicion of adulation. We are universally acknowledged to be fortunate in our Grand Master, but it needs an acquaintance more intimate than has fallen to my lot, rightly to estimate the sum total of his excellencies, and a tongue more facile than mine aptly to phrase the sentiments of admiration, of confidence, I had almost said of affection, with which His Royal Highness is regarded by every Mark Mason. As a man he commands our respect, as a Prince our loyalty, as a Mason our confidence and our gratitude. As a man he stands before us with the supreme qualification of one who rules his own household well, presenting to the world the inspiring spectacle of children whom not even the most dazzling prospects would induce to swerve by a hair's breadth from that straight and undeviating line of conduct which he has set before them by example as well as by

precept. As a Prince his services to the Empire are before all men's eyes at the present time. To soothe the violence of contending factions, to reassure the timorous and remove their misunderstandings, to evoke a spirit of united loyalty to the Monarch and the Empire is the noblest occupation of a Prince. *Tali auxilio defensoribus istis tempus eget.* We have them in His Royal Highness. And as a Mason, he is the welcomed, honored, and trusted head of an institution which has survived the wreck of mighty Empires, and resisted the destroying hand of time. I nominate as Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught."

The election was held at the Communication of February 28th, when W. Bro. G. A. KING (P. G. Steward), P. M. and W. M. 198, addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master in the Chair, you will not misunderstand me when I say it is with regret I have to address myself again to you on this occasion, nor will you misunderstand me when I say I miss in the South the face to which I turned on the last occasion. There are some propositions which are of such convincing propriety that they carry themselves, and it is therefore unnecessary to detain Grand Lodge more than a moment in proposing for re-election as M. W. Grand Master H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, or, if I may describe him in the phrase of Dantê, slightly altered: 'The Prince of the Simple Life, Arthur of England.' I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of His Royal Highness as Most Worshipful Grand Master."

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. The newly-elected Grand Master was then proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At the June Communication the Most Worshipful Grand Master was again proclaimed to be installed. The proclamation is the same as that used at the February Communication. What necessity exists for this double installation? We confess we don't understand it. After the last installation the Grand Master announced the appointment of his Grand Officers, twenty-nine in number, and the Board of Grand Stewards.

The General Board is composed of eleven members,

six of whom are nominated by the Grand Master, and five elected by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer was elected unanimously. The election in each case was by resolution.

At the Communication of June 6th the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"The Grand Master in the Chair: Brethren, before we proceed to the Report of the General Board, I have a communication to make to you which I am sure you will be happy to receive. His Majesty the King has, through our Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, been graciously pleased to present to Grand Lodge the Clothing and Jewels of Grand Master, which were worn by His late Majesty, King Edward the Seventh. These will, I am sure, be ever treasured by Grand Lodge in memory of an exalted Grand Master who presided for over twenty-five years, our late beloved Sovereign and Patron. It will, I am sure, be the wish of Grand Lodge that we should return our humble thanks to His Majesty the King, which we should ask His Royal Highness the Grand Master, to offer on behalf of Grand Lodge."

In the report of the "General Board" we note the death of R. W. Bro. William James Hughan, P. G. W., for forty-eight years a member of the Mark Lodge, and who has filled many important and distinguished positions in Free Masonry, and was favorably known to the Masonic world both as a Masonic writer and historian, and especially to our own Jurisdiction, he having been the Representative of our Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales for over forty years, during which time he contributed many important papers on Masonic subjects of great value to our Grand Chapter, notably his letter on the "Mark Degree," to be found in the Proceedings of 1871, page 43, "Appendix A," and his letter on the "Past Master," Proceedings 1872, page 155, "Appendix B."

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the model of "Noah's Ark" presented by the District Grand Master of North Africa. His description of it is as follows:

"The Grand Master in the Chair:—Now, Brethren, there is one matter which is not on the Agenda paper. We have had presented to us a model which you see in the West of the Lodge, of Noah's Ark. It has been done according to Scriptural account given in Genesis, and various books, and it is made to scale. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism; the top comes off, and it shows three tiers; the lower tier is where the larger animals were stored, the first floor where the small animals lived, and the upper story where Noah and his family and birds were until the dove went out of the Ark and brought back the olive branch. You will find the means of ingress and egress; the window out of which the bird was sent, and to which it came back again with the green leaf, and you will find a little model of buckets that went down through the three tiers to the water by means of which fresh water was obtained. The whole thing has been beautifully worked out, and has been presented by a Brother who will say a few words about it presently. I am sure Grand Lodge will value the model.

The Educational Board of the Benevolent Fund shows list of pupils, twelve boys and two girls; the Annuity Branch shows in their charge six males and fourteen widows.

The annual receipts for dues amounts to £1,680-10-6. Registration fees, warrants, etc., to £2,322-19-11, which, with balance on hand April 1, 1910, makes a total of £6,386-2-3, with expenditures of £3,375-6-10, leaving a balance on hand of £3,010-15-5.

Peace and harmony prevailed at all meetings; the members seemed to have but one object in view, to advance the best interests of their Grand Lodge. It would be a great pleasure to be present at one of their Communications.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville at eleven o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 9, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

The M. E. Grand High Priest T. PICTON WARLOW delivered his address, which deals first with the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions. Following quite appropriately is the record of the death of Chapter No. 4, which surrendered its Charter July 1, 1911. But with one death two new Chapters were born.

Among his rulings we find the following:

"In the exercise of sound discretion and for urgent cause, it would seem that the High Priest might, with propriety, cause the prayers, lecture of the journey, Vail challenges and other less important parts, to be considerably abbreviated."

Perhaps this clipping may be of interest:

"The M. E. Grand High Priest was asked to rule as to the propriety of displaying the Great Lights in the Royal Arch Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction when opened in the Royal Arch degree. It was, on motion, ordered that

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter decided in 1897 that, because of the fact that anciently the Royal Arch degree was conferred under the authority of Lodges of Master Masons, and that under English Constitutions Royal Arch Chapters are always attached to Lodges duly chartered, and as the Royal Arch Degree has for many years been agreed upon as a part of ancient Craft Masonry, and as no Masonic body can be regularly opened without the presence of the Great Lights: it is hereby ordered, that the Great Lights shall be displayed upon the Altar near the center of the room in all Royal Arch Chapters under this Grand Chapter when opened in the Royal Arch Degree."

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida

takes up eight pages of the published Proceedings, and the Regulations thirteen pages.

These Regulations contain some interesting reading. We clip the following in regard to the

"PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

"The degree of Paster Master, as conferred in a Blue Lodge, is not cognizable in a Chapter.

"The Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in conferring the Past Master's degree, to abridge the ceremonies within the narrowest constitutional limits, and to use only those prescribed in the Ritual.

"A Past Master by degree, who has not been a Master of a Symbolic Lodge, cannot be present at conferring the Past Master's degree upon Masters of Symbolic Lodges.

"The degree of Past Master is conferred in a Chapter only for the purpose of qualifying the applicant to take the degree of Royal Arch."

There is no report of a Committee on Correspondence.

FRANK B. STONEMAN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the Eighty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Macon at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 26, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, and was opened in *Ample Form*, and with prayer by the Rev. W. A. SIMMONS, Grand Chaplain.

After the report of a Committee on Credentials, a series of formal receptions introduce Grand Repre-

sentatives, Grand and Past Grand Officers and the M. E. Grand High Priest. Then the Grand Master of the Second Vail was introduced, and this introduction was followed by that of the General Grand High Priest.

The M. E. Grand High Priest WILLIAM F. BOWE read his annual address.

There are no decisions that would be of interest to Pennsylvania Chapter Masons.

The following statistics may be studied with profit:

"The regular officers very generally attend.

"There is generally a great laxity of collection of dues.

"Charges for degrees almost entirely between $20.00 and $25.00.

"Convocations appear to be held with fair regularity and the percentage of attendance is good, about 75 per cent., except in the larger Chapters.

"About 50 per cent. usually open in full form.

"The minutes of about 75 per cent. recite whether opened in full form or not.

"Very little effort is made to have Marks selected or recorded. Many Chapters have no book of Marks.

"About 35 per cent. have robes.

"Twenty-five per cent. have robes in part.

"Forty per cent. have no robes.

"Thirty-three per cent. do not copy the annual returns into the roll book.

"Records generally posted to date.

"A large percentage of the Chapters have a copy of the Code in the Chapter room.

"About 50 per cent. keep copies of the annual proceedings.

"The average cost of the visitations by Lecturers was $4.00 in which was evidently included several entertainments. Many of the Chapters having no cost."

The Grand High Priest thus concludes his address:

"And now, Companions of the Noblest Craft among the sons of men, I have done. With such clearness and force as I could command I have endeavored to give an account of my stewardship. Though falling far short of my hopes in the way of accomplishment, I have devoted to the high office to which you exalted me, even more time and energy than I could well afford, and if in my zeal for the good of our Craft, and in my desire to set many things in order, I have spoken or written somewhat sharply to some of my Companions, I beg to assure them that I have but tried to arouse them to the serious necessity of rising to the responsibilities of their positions. If each officer in his own voluntarily assumed sphere of duty will conscientiously perform the task assigned him, Capitular Masonry in Georgia will take on new and vigorous life, and the pure principles of ancient Craft Masonry become a permanent and beneficient force within the life of every community.

"Companions, our gathering, I believe, has been a benediction, and I indulge the hope that it will prove an inspiration to enter upon our duties with increased zeal, remembering that 'A strength is yielded to us from above through the power of prayer' that will increase our usefulness, not only to our Institution, but to our fellowman; thereby promoting our own happiness, as well as accomplishing the great design of our Grand High Priest of Heaven in establishing the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

"Dear Companions, for the Grand Chapter in its corporate strength, and for each true and loyal Companion, my heartfelt wish is (in the words of the poet)—

'Sweet as the song which the robins sing,
Pure as the flow of a crystal spring;
Deep as the depths of a mother's love,
True as your faith in the God above;
With a harvest of smiles and a famine of tears,
Through all the course of the coming years,
So sweet, so pure, so deep, so true,
Be the joys fate holds in store for you.'"

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of A. Q. Moody. It is a compendium of statistics. We clip his review of Pennsylvania, leaving out the quotations, to show how thoroughly the work is done and also how impossible it is to quote from him:

"PENNSYLVANIA—1909.

"Quarterly Convocation, March 4.

"An appropriation of $500 was made for the purpose of defraying the expenses of instructors to be sent to the various Chapters.

"Quarterly Convocation, June 3.

"Companion A. Henry Berlin, Grand High Priest of Delaware, was a distinguished visitor.

"Work was exemplified in the Most Excellent Master's degree.

"Quarterly Convocation, September 2.

"Total membership, 29,504; net gain, 1,417.

"Work was exemplified in the Royal Arch degree.

"The Annual Grand Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27.

"This from the eloquent address of Grand High Priest Carl A. Sundstrom: (Quotation left out by us.)

"This is an extract from the list of instructions sent to the Deputy Grand High Priests. (Quotation left out by us.)

"Five decisions are recorded.

"Here are some wholesome ideas on the subject of 'Electioneering.' (Quotations omitted by us.)

"The work was divided among five Companions. Georgia is not reviewed. We quote from the conclusion by Companion Stockton Bates. (Quotations left out by us.)

"Most Excellent Carl A. Sundstrom, Grand High Priest.

"Right Excellent Charles Cary, Grand Secretary."

And this is his conclusion:

"The swelling buds, the hum of bees, the springing grass, and the song of birds, all tell us, in this Southland, that the Vernal Equinox is here.

"While our hearts swell with gratitude, we extend warm greetings to our Companions of the wintry North, engaged alike with us in cementing the bonds of common Brotherhood and relieving the distress incident to humanity.

> " 'Let each one unto his neighbor say
> With a grasp of the hand, and a mist in the eye:
> Adieu! Adios! Good Bye! Good Bye!' "

All of which is good and poetical.

JOHN R. WILKINSON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

W. A. WOLIHIN, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the 26th day of October, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at ten o'clock A. M.

We clip the following under "Reception of Grand Representatives":

"The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that, departing from previous custom, the Representatives of other Grand Chapters accredited to the Grand Chapter of Illinois would now be officially received. Thereupon he directed the Grand Secretary to read the list of such Grand Representatives and as each was called he advanced to the foot of the dais, and when all were assembled they were introduced to Grand Chapter by Ex. Comp. Edward R. Roe. The Grand High Priest briefly welcomed the ambassadors and extended to them, for transmittal to their respective Grand Chapters, the assurances of good will and esteem of the Grand Chapter of Illinois and its earnest desire for the perpetual continuance of the present relations of amity and correspondence.

"Comp. Geo. W. Warvelle, as the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, responded in behalf of the ambassadors and conveyed to the Grand Chapter of Illinois the greetings of the Capitular Powers which they represented."

A graceful compliment and a unique ceremony.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion John C. Hallenbeck, then delivered the annual address.

After a brief allusion to the deaths during the year in his own and other Jurisdictions, he said:

"Before proceeding with the business that calls us together let us in silence revere the memories of those who have been summoned to the great beyond during the past year in this and foreign jurisdictions."

[Then followed an interval of silence, after which the Lexington Quartette sang the beautiful hymn entitled "Golden Bells."]

We quote "Decision No. 6," which shows the attitude

of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois on the subject of physical perfection:

"A Brother presents his petition for degrees in due form, which was received and referred to a committee. Since receiving the first three degrees he lost his right hand. By resolution of the Chapter the Secretary was directed to ask for a decision whether the petitioner is ineligible for the degrees, in the Chapter.

"Answer: The loss of either hand does not make a Master Mason ineligible for Chapter degrees."

Comment is unnecessary.

We also clip "Recommendation No. 7," as showing the necessity for a permanent habitation for the Grand Chapter, and incidentally for its allusion to our own Jurisdiction.

"That this Grand R. A. Chapter, now the second largest in the United States, with ample funds to establish a permanent home in this City by either purchasing a lot suitable for such a building (to be fireproof), of a dwelling (detached if possible on account of better light) with space enough in the rear to erect a structure large enough to hold all valuable assets of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter and space for the R. E. G. Secy. to have a steel box for each subordinate Chapter in the State containing complete data of such Chapters so that he will have a complete record of each Chapter.

"Our Grand Chapter is constantly growing; we have many thousands of dollars more than would be required for such a building and I know of no better way to spend a part of our large surplus, which is constantly increasing than providing a permanent home for our Grand Chapter. Our Archives are increasing very fast with no permanent place to put them. Our present leased quarters are wholly inadequate for the purpose of taking care of them.

"This is a subject that will bear consideration and I hope the incoming G. H. P. will be instructed to appoint a committee to look up a suitable location with power to buy, if approved by the G. H. P.

"We are much larger than many Grand Lodges that own permanent quarters and we can well afford to go to this expenditure.

"In my judgment we have no use for a very large surplus fund, which at present is about $50,000.

"New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Kansas, Minnesota and Wis-

consin, I understand, are thus provided for and it may be that other States are also provided in this particular that I do not happen to know about."

On the subject of Jurisdiction, he says:

"I recommend that the incoming M. E. G. H. P. be empowered by this Grand Chapter to appoint a special committee to designate jurisdictional lines for Chapters in Cook County outside of the City of Chicago, who shall have committees from the various Chapters meet with them and get their views and reasons why certain localities shall be within their immediate Jurisdiction or if best to make them concurrent Jurisdictions for certain specified Chapters. Report to be made by the committee to Grand Chapter at next Annual Convocation.

"My reasons for making this recommendation are: Chapters are constantly being formed in growing towns, especially near Chicago. Their Dispensations are asked for mainly as a convenience to themselves, they thinking their own locality having grown large enough to support a Chapter from their own Lodge. Trolley lines and other means of transportation figure, or should figure, as a way of convenience from towns adjacent to the towns having Chapters. There is no reason, in my judgment, why a Brother desiring his degrees should be compelled to go to some Chapter where he is obliged to drive across country or take a roundabout car trip because one town happens to be a few yards nearer to them than some other Chapter that has direct communication with his immediate locality. With the increasing facilities for traveling this subject may be brought to the Grand Chapter from other Jurisdictions in the State in the near future. While I will not recommend it at the present time, I firmly believe it would be for the best interests of Capitular Masonry to make the *whole State* Concurrent Jurisdiction; it would make the competition keener and ultimate results would be better for the live Chapters, the others would not be any worse than now. We, I believe do not want to make it a hardship, but a pleasure for any Brother to receive his degrees."

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of the one and only GEORGE W. WARVELLE, to read which is a delight. It comes like nesselrode pudding or café parfait after a banquet, delicious and satisfying.

His report opens as follows:

"I am sending you herewith my tenth annual epistle, wherein I note the sayings and doings of the Capitular world for the past year. But, as my esteemed friend Companion Cleveland, of Iowa, says: 'The Correspondent

of today finds but little out of the ordinary with which to enliven his reports,' and so, in many cases, I have confined my reviews to brief terms. There is a strong similarity in all the proceedings. Indeed, I presume this could not well be otherwise, and to attempt to abstract them would be merely to follow the same form with changes of names and dates."

And he goes on to say:

"But this does not imply that a Report on Correspondence is either a useless or an unnecessary undertaking. The record of prosperity is rarely exciting and never sensational. About all we want to really know about our neighbors, or the Craft in general, is that they are prospering and that all is going well. The minutiæ does not particularly interest us. It is true these views are not held by all of my esteemed congeners of the guild. Very often do they complain of me that I give their respective Jurisdictions but scant notice. They count the lines, and measure the space which I employ in my reviews, and then, I presume, they think me stingy, because of the great wealth at my command I have given them so little. Much would it please me to give extended reports—digests—of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions. But if they would not be read, save by my Brother Scribes, what would it profit me? If I write primarily for mine own, then must I adjust my pen to their desires, and they have told me many times that brevity is the price I must pay for their reading of my productions. And so, I conform to their wishes. It is easier to write a long, expanded report than a short, concise one."

Yea, verily! the boiling-down process takes time; but the medicos say we must have bulk to induce healthy digestion. Essences are good only for the feeble.

Under California, we clip the following item as a straw showing which way the wind blows:

"Believing that Masonic Bodies, as well as men, should live in their own castles, Grand Chapter has invested $50,000 of its surplus funds in a new Temple, conjointly with other bodies, and hereafter will transact its business under its own roof."

Under Kentucky, anent Comp. W. W. Clarke's review of Illinois, he says:

Noting some of my (Warvelle's) vagaries relative to modern methods he says:

"'Ancient,' as a qualifying word in the letter of the Order, will, we fear, in no great while, lose its meaning, if not its right to be retained. A continuation of legislation following the trend of some years past will make of the Order the most thoroughly modern institution in existence, its claim to antiquity resting not in the possession of inherited traits, but solely on the fact of evolution from a remote ancestry whose peculiarities have been lost in transition. Modern Masonry will leave to the Masonry even of 1717, about the same relation that man does to the anthropoid ape, with conditions, as to improvement, reversed.

"Well perhaps so. And yet, it is just possible that the old fellows are not keeping up with the procession; that we are standing with averted face looking backward into the past—oftimes sorrowfully—and that we fail to realize that the world of mind moves ever forward with the world of matter."

Somewhere in our review we have commented on public installations of officers, so under Maine we clip this item:

"In Maine, it would seem, public installations of officers, garbed in their official robes, is permissible. A proceeding of doubtful legality and certainly of bad taste."

With which view we heartily concur.

Anent physical qualifications we find the following under Michigan:

"Among his recommendations I find one with respect to physical qualifications which is practically in line with the present practice in Illinois. He held, 'that even if the rule of physical perfection is thought to be binding in the Symbolic Lodge it has no force in Royal Arch Masonry.' His reasons therefor are both cogent and sensible and he recommended that the organic law be so amended as to eliminate all reference to 'literal conformity to the ritual.' Grand Chapter thought well of the recommendation and it was adopted. A cold shudder will run down the spine of certain physical perfectionists when this news reaches them."

Under New Jersey—how's this?

"He indulges in some quiet mirth over our purchase of a new Bible, but then, what can you expect of those New Jersey fellows? In their own sin-steeped land of trusts and mosquitoes what know they of the Scriptures? Nothing, except from hearsay and precious little of that."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, even if he does go for the writer of this report. Perhaps both of us might be the better for a closer observance of the command we saw recently on an office door—

"Come in without knocking,
And go out the same way."

He says of us that we defend the Pennsylvania practice:

"'That objection to a candidate must be made personally in open Chapter,' but his arguments are far from convincing. In most States, as in Illinois, an objection has the force of a black ball and is entitled to the same protection. The vice of the doctrine is further shown in the fact that in Pennsylvania there is no Territorial Jurisdiction, as with us, but the candidate may apply to any Chapter in the State. Yet a companion living at a distance cannot object in writing even though the petitioner may reside in his own town, but must go in person to the Chapter where the applicant's petition was presented.

"However, we mustn't be too hard on the Pennsylvanians. They are nice people when you get acquainted with them, and as their rules apply only to themselves it is not for us to complain. At the same time, it must be confessed they have some very queer ways in that land of ancient and unchanging customs."

Anent "knocking," what about this, under Tennessee?

"The Grand High Priest (J. T. Spaulding) ruled that a Master Mason 'having a stiff right knee' was ineligible to enter the congregation of the physically perfect. Grand Chapter approved.

"Now I happen to know, from personal experience with brethren at Memphis and Knoxville, that those Tennesseeans are the salt of the earth, and yet the foregoing decision shows that in some respects they are still enveloped by the darkness of the eighteenth century."

But we are all emancipated in the postscript, for he says:

"As in former years, having completed my regular epistle, I append a few stray thoughts and fugitive fancies, together with a little current gossip. Of course, you are under no obligation to read the postscript but should you

do so, and in so doing find something that runs counter to your own views, why—just disregard it or set it down as one of your uncle's vagaries."

Further on, this keen observer says:

"One of the hopeful signs of the times that I have noticed in my annual ramble through the proceedings, is a reversal in several Jurisdictions of the old doctrine of physical perfection. In some Jurisdictions the old rule, in all its rigor and strictness, is still maintained, but the tendency now is to permit the Chapters to be the judges of both the moral and physical fitness of candidates. In Michigan the long-standing rule of 'literal conformity to ritual' has been expressly abolished, while in other Jurisdictions, as in our own, it has been repealed by implication. In Pennsylvania none who does not possess the form and figure of Apollo is eligible for Capitular honors, however worthy he may be as a Master Mason, and in a few other States the same rule prevails. But, generally speaking, there has been a great advance in humanitarian ideas and this forward movement will continue."

Of traveling cards, he says:

"Much as we may decry the use of traveling cards it would yet seem that the sentiment in their favor is constantly increasing. In several Jurisdictions they are now obligatory and in others their employment is being seriously considered. This is due in some measure, to the aggressiveness of clandestine organizations, but more, perhaps, to professional Masonic mendicants and impostors. Documentary evidence is becoming more and more insisted upon and less reliance is placed on the old-time tests. Royal Arch Masons of Illinois in the Eastern States will do well to provide themselves with credentials before setting out upon their journey."

Further on we find this anent the Scriptures as used in the Capitular degrees:

"In the various liturgies of the American Capitular system are many quotations from the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testaments. Some of these readings are merely ethical precepts. Others are interwoven with the ceremonies and constitute a part of our symbolism. It has frequently been noted, by thoughtful and scholarly brethren, that passages from the New Testament present anachronisms when injected into Capitular ceremonies. If our ceremonies and symbolism were scriptural, then these objections would be well taken, but, as I have at other times endeavored to show, our ceremonies are decidedly unscriptural, and so, the objections lose their force.

"I am impelled to these remarks by a criticism of my last year's essay on 'Sectarianism in Freemasonry," made by a good Jewish brother who, while agreeing with my general conclusions, yet contends that the introduction of the Lord's Prayer in our opening devotions is distinctly a sectarian act. I doubt not but that the same idea may have occurred to others, and yet it is difficult to perceive a vestige of sectarianism in the few simple sentences that compose this sublime prayer, nor a single reason why it may not be sincerely uttered by all men, except the one fact, that it was given as a model by the Gentle Master of Nazareth. But, say many of the critics, this fact alone is sufficient to cause its rejection, for, as it was given many years after the traditional incidents of the Royal Arch degree occurred, therefore is it inappropriate if nothing more. This, however, is a great mistake, as was shown by Bro. Luke A. Lockwood, of Connecticut, many years ago, in an address to the Grand Chapter of that State.

"Speaking of the objection just noted Bro. Lockwood said; 'When Jesus was asked by His disciples to teach them how to pray, instead of giving them something new, He merely repeated a part of the ritual of the temple worship. The curious will find a translation of the ritual alluded to in Horne's Introduction to the Scriptures, p. 296 and the language is identical.' It will be seen, therefore, that, so far from being inappropriate, it is decidedly in keeping with both the chronology and symbolism of the Capitular degrees, and those who heretofore have refrained from participation in it may now do so with no strain upon their conscience."

He says:

"As I have informed you on several occasions, the old and familiar terms of the Craft are becoming distasteful in some localities and the brethren are casting about for more euphonious phrases in which to express themselves. One of the words which has come under the ban is 'team,' when employed to designated the candidates for exaltation."

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A correspondent suggests "pilgrims," but adds: "If it be deemed essential to use a word signifying *three,* the word *triad* had better be used. *Trio* is too much associated with singers, and *team* is a coarse word, borrowed from slang when used in this connection." Then Comp. WARVELLE says:

"To the last sentence of the foregoing I must enter a mild dissent.

'Team' is an old English word and its employment in the Royal Arch Degree is strictly in keeping with its original and proper meaning. Did 'Glorious John' (Dryden) borrow the word from slang when he sung of 'A long team of snowy swans on high?' Hardly. But, if we must discard the old words, and if we must find a substitute, what objection is there to the employment of the term 'sojourners' by which the 'trio' have been known from time immemorial?

"Respectfully referred to the Committee on Capitular Nomenclature.

"Since writing the foregoing I have received the proceedings of Colorado, wherein I find a 'new name' for our sojourners. Bro. E. L. N. Foster has lately come across the word 'aspirants,' which he thinks is even better than 'trio,' the term in use in that jurisdiction. Now, how would 'pikers' do? Of course this isn't Latin, nor for that matter, good English, but in this neck of the woods it is much employed, and, possibly, to those who are seeking novelty it may form a welcome addition to the list which the committee now has under consideration."

Now, what is the matter with "three Brethren"?

The following excerpt may be of interest:

"The following will serve to show the relative position of the big fellows with respect to numbers:

	Membership.
New York	35,265
Illinois	31,134
Pennsylvania	30,705
Ohio	30,248

"These are the big four and the struggle for supremacy lies between them. It will be perceived that we lead Pennsylvania and Ohio only by a slender margin. Wherefore it behooves us to keep moving. While we did well last year so also did the others. You will the better appreciate this point by a comparison of activities as shown in the net gains of each Jurisdiction. Here is a little object lesson:

	Gains.
Illinois	1,810
Ohio	1,471
New York	1,166
Pennsylvania	1,111

"In the matter of activity it will be seen that Illinois stands first, and as this is the element that will eventually decide the contest all that we

require is to maintain the present ratio. Now just get your lead pencil and figure out how long it will take, at the above rate, to pass New York."

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"In the matter of exaltations Illinois leads the Capitular host, and while it is the net gain that finally must determine the question of premiership yet nothing is more indicative of healthy life and activity than the volume of work performed. Again, I append a little table showing a comparison of work:

	Exaltations.
Illinois	2,568
New York	2,325
Ohio	2,040
Pennsylvania	1,824"

CHARLES C. DAVIS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in its Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis at two o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1911..

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion ELIAS J. JACOBY, read his report.

He philosophically remarks:

"While one in authority must recognize that institutions do not perform their functions of themselves but require executive activity, yet he finds many instances wherein he governs best by governing least. His microscope reveals that most of the seeming ills are trivial and of a kind which time and a beneficent nature will cure.

In regard to the general conditions prevailing in Capitular Masonry in Indiana, he says:

"With pleasure I report that throughout our Jurisdiction, with slight exceptions, the Order is healthy, the growth vigorous and the prospects encouraging. In my administration bitter drugs were eliminated. For the few troubles not worthy of special mention a cheerful, encouraging word and the laying on of a friendly hand were sufficient, and my service was a pleasure."

The address is a business document dealing with the various matters of interest in his Jurisdiction, and he thus concludes:

"In the activities of human life all are factors, and to each one comes an allotment of his part. We enter upon the stage of life without volition or preparation. Our assignments come in quick succession. The joys of youth speedily blend into the greater pleasures and duties of manhood. Following these we one by one leave our stations and others take our places. There is no pause. The work goes ever on. Fortunate is he who accepts the tasks cheerfully, with charity performs them bravely, and in modesty and with good heart strives to be worthy.

"By your good graces and with such ability as I possess I have had the good fortune of serving through all the years of usual promotion. How swiftly have they flown! With them they have borne for me no sorrows, save the loss of loved Companions. They have enriched my life with a profligacy of joys and have filled for me a storehouse of pleasing memories and princely treasures. For these I shall ever be your debtor.

"And so, with profound gratitude to all for the very kindly fraternal spirit always and in so many ways manifested toward me, expressing my special thanks to our Grand Secretary and Grand Inspector, who have been charged with such important duties so ably performed, and who have ever anticipated my needs, and wishing for my successor in office and for the Grand Chapter all the good that a zealous, loyal membership and a kind Providence can bestow, I return the sceptre of authority with the assurance that I have not knowingly suffered it to be tarnished with any mark or evidence of abuse."

The R. E. Grand Secretary says:

"It is very pleasing to the Grand Secretary to report the splendid condition of the Royal Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana. There are one hundred and sixteen (116) active Chapters, three of which are under

Dispensation. These have all made reports and paid their dues in full; the reports were promptly made and in good condition, indicating splendid management on the part of the subordinate Chapters. The reports clearly indicate that the High Priests, Secretaries and officers of the Chapters were diligently striving to comply with all the requirements, that the work they were doing was of the highest character and that the Chapters had made no mistake in their selection of officers because the duties assigned them were so well performed with that necessary skill that insures success."

Anent Jewel presentations and acknowledgments the following excerpt will give a very happy record of both presentation speech and acceptance out of the ordinary and worthy of preservation if not imitation:

JEWEL PRESENTED.

"Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, presented the retiring Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Elias J. Jacoby, a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel in the following words:

"Most Excellent Sir: The time has come when you are to be decorated with the jewel of distinguished service, invested with the subtle dignity of a Has-Been and assigned to a seat with your predecessors, who infest the precincts of what we facetiously call the Amen Corner.

"And of this distinction you may well feel proud, for the honors of the exalted position you are now quitting are as nothing in comparison with what you may hereafter enjoy as co-partner with these venerable fathers of the Grand Chapter.

"If you will but look into the faces of these tried and true toilers in the vineyard of Masonry you will see something of the real spirit of the Institution and catch a bit of the glory of vicarious service. And as from year to year you are privileged to return and hear their cheery words of welcome and see the sparkle of the eye that lights up the inmost recesses of their souls you will begin to understand the blessed meaning of true, disinterested fellowship.

"Look them over, from Cal, our delightful and devoted Grand Secretary, the dean of the corps, on down to some of us younger ones who disclaim any right to figure in this inventory. Outside of Masonry where can you find their equal? Other than these, with whose self-denying spirit would you rather be imbued and with whose zeal would you rather be enriched? Some of these dignitaries have been busy on the great Temple of Freemasonry 'since the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the

contrary.' They have labored on the foundation, toiled over pillar and vault, planned for the perfecting of arch and cope stone and been filled with admiration at the glory that later filled the house. Truly, the history of their lives has been the history of the progress and final triumph of Masonry in our State.

"Were you permitted to peep through the kalcidoscope of their experiences you would see the many colors and phantasmagoria of those days and years of labor and sacrifice. What an interesting medley it would be! How amazing the chart of their journey about the checkered floor! How difficult to follow! To emulate their example is to have the Craft rise up and call you blessed.

"Within a few short years you yourself have done much for Masonry. Few men have been able to do more. The impress of your hand and heart on our beloved Institution is characteristic of your zeal and fidelity. The charge laid upon you one year ago has been discharged with equal sincerity, thus entitling you to the wages of a good and faithful servant.

"Therefore, because of what you have done, are doing and are likely to do, you shall have in fee simple a choice reservation in the Amen Corner of our Capitular domain, where you may in peace and tranquillity reign.

"It affords me, then, on behalf of Grand Chapter, the greatest of pleasure and satisfaction to pin upon your breast this Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, small and insignificant in itself, but charged with the large approbation, esteem, good will and Godspeed of all these here present before you. This testimonial should never fail to remind you that 'to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes.'

"We felicitate you upon its acquisition and charge you to wear it with the satisfaction of having earned it by labor well performed and with the determination to keep its escutcheon free from stain or blemish or any such thing. Thus will you continue to be a credit to yourself and an honor to the Fraternity."

"In response to the presentation of the jewel the retiring Grand High Priest responded in part as follows:

"I am not taken by surprise. You and I have on similar occasions heard the recipient of such favor give expression to surprise. I have always attributed it to nervousness. We are never naturally surprised at things that are usual but at the unusual. Now, if you had failed in this courtesy, I should not only have been surprised, but should have wondered the rest of my life why this beautiful custom was stopped with me. Notwithstanding what I have said, no one more keenly prizes this favor than do I, for I assure you I appreciate it to the extent of my capacity. Somehow I am not imbued with any particular sense of pride but with gratitude

and appreciation. This jewel will ever remind me that in this Grand Body I have found many of the most pleasing friendships of my life. It signifies to me years of service in a good cause—an Institution designed for the betterment of our fellow-men. And, after all, one of the greatest pleasures in life is an abiding consciousness of having been of service. It matters very little what becomes of you or me as individuals. It does matter what becomes of the Institution which by the voice of our Companions we for the time being represent. It does not make so much difference what we can do for ourselves as what we can do for others. We ought not to be concerned so much about what we can get out of the world as about what we can put into the world. I appreciate it because it is an evidence of the confidence you have so generously given me during all these years. I have never received anything but the greatest cordiality from Companions of the Grand Chapter, and I am sure I shall always be your debtor.

"An allusion was made to the 'Amen Corner,' and I am joyous to accept your cordial invitation. You who know me best appreciate the fact that by nature I am peculiarly fitted for that station. I have often felt that you ought to have started me in the 'Amen Corner' and kept me there. I don't want to be altogether a 'has-been,' nor will I undertake to reform the 'Amen Corner,' but hope I may be at least of some service there. You, Most Excellent Companions of the 'Corner,' have befriended me ever since I have been identified with this Grand Body, and to you for that friendship, and to you, Companions of the Grand Chapter, for this jewel which will always be a reminder of your friendship, I shall be ever grateful."

Comp. Robert A. Woods presented the "Annual Capitular Review," which is something new in titles. The report is very readable, and from it we quote:

"The writer of this review of the Proceedings of sister Jurisdictions confesses great misgivings of the ultimate result. Unusually experienced hands throughout the general Jurisdiction of the Royal Craft have made the path both difficult and dangerous for the neophyte. The cult of the 'tripod' is rather mysterious and profound and difficult to attain in all its purity and effectiveness. A comfortable seat at the Round Table is secured ofttimes through much tribulation. Though this reviewer comes among the Guild with unsandled feet, and fully aware that his Capitular bunions are likely at times to be sorely trodden upon, yet he indulges the large hope that his judges will be 'long-suffering, slow to anger, plenteous in mercy.'"

The fears are groundless. The seat at the Round

Table is never a comfortable one. The tribulation isn't worth while, and your feet are welcome as bearers of a virile directing mind.

Under Canada, relative to the value of a Certificate of Withdrawal, or, as we have it in Pennsylvania, a Certificate of Resignation, we quote with approval:

"His criticism of Michigan in refusing to accept a dimit from a sister Grand Jurisdiction unless accompanied by validation of Grand Chapter seems to be well taken. He remarks that 'the certificate of withdrawal, or dimit, properly issued by Lodge or Chapter, is a document hitherto recognized and accepted as a Brother's or Companion's voucher of standing the world over, and to admit the justice of the Michigan ruling would be, to my view, an unwarranted interference with a recognized usage in every well-regulated Masonic Jurisdiction.'"

Under Illinois, bearing on the anachronisms of the Mark degree, we quote WARVELLE and WOODS, as follows:

"At the close of his review of the several Jurisdictions we find an exceptionally interesting and erudite 'Postscript' treating of various general subjects, one being a fourth paper on 'The American Royal Arch System' and another touching 'Capitular Coins.' In the latter is a paragraph that is very acceptable to the Companions of Indiana, and especially to the committee charged with the revision of our old ritual several years ago. The passage is as follows:

"The employment of the parable in our revision of the Mark degree is confessedly a gross anachronism, as are also the quotations from the New Testament. It does not appear in the old English lectures, nor in those of the 'detached' degree of Master Mark Mason, as conferred by the Inspectors-General of the Rite of Perfection, or by the old French Lodges in Louisiana, of both of which I have copies. Hence, it must be an interpolation of the early American ritualists.

"The writer was a member of that committee, and to him was assigned the reconstruction of the Mark Degree, with the injunction of the com-

bined committee delivered by its distinguished chairman Martin H. Rice, Past Grand High Priest, etc., that all anachronisms should be studiously avoided. As a result, we in Indiana are perhaps alone in this: that the parable has been discarded; that no mention of such wages as a penny a day is anywhere made, and that every reference to New Testament history has been expunged. We have thus returned to the gods of our fathers. It may not suit some, but it is highly satisfactory to us. Modesty prevents me from saying that the paragraph substituted for the parable is more appropriate, but it at least produces better results."

We like this, under Maryland:

"The writer of this review finds, however, in looking through Companion Schultz's report, that he is strongly opposed to what he is pleased to call 'the modern heresy of dependent membership.' His views we can not endorse. We believe it to be a necessity, made so by modern conditions. Were it not enforced the butterflies of our modern Masonic world would be found sipping honey from the, to them, sweeter and brighter flowers that grow in the garden of the Temple and Cathedral. It is to be deplored that today there are thousands of Masons who are Masons in name only, for commercial or social purposes, if you please, and who would never have been attracted to the Order had it not been that they sought to sport the double-headed eagle or flaunt the feathers of the Templar. To them the subsidiary degrees were but a stepping-stone, to be cast aside, if occasion offered, when the object of their ambition had been attained. To this class of degenerates we owe largely the present system of dependent membership. It has come to stay. No true Mason would be a member of the higher bodies at the expense of the lower. He joins the higher of his own free will, and must as a prudent man have taken count of the cost of maintaining his standing in all. If adversity comes, the charity of his brethren or Companions will preserve his membership. So nothing is sacrificed and nobody is hurt. The 'heresy' still lives."

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed. The illness and subsequent death of Comp. FRANK M. HIGHLEY will account for his absence from the Communications of Grand Chapter, for, when able, no more faithful Mason ever wrought in the quarries or assisted at the building of the Temple.

Companion MEREDITH is quoted with approval, and a lengthy excerpt is made from his introduction.

Companion WOODS thus concludes:

CONCLUSION.

"The annual excursion through the grand commonwealth of Capitular Masonry has come to an end. The way has been indescribably sweet and pleasant. It has been bordered with faces old and new, some gloriously transfigured by long years of loving service for the Craft, and others dampened by the early dew of expectancy and aspiration. It has been strewn ever and anon with gems of precious thought and endearing sentiment. It has been brightened here and there by sparkling flashes of wit and bits of merry sarcasm. And still, while in love with the scenery, we were all the while conscious of the seriousness of the journey and of the story of our travels to be told to the Companions at home.

The result of my work is before you. My sole aim has been to offer something worthy of your inspection. What has been done has been done conscientiously and with a desire to benefit. No one is more deeply sensible of its shortcomings than the writer. In passing judgment, therefore, let me invoke your considerate sympathy.

"No one who lingers long in the garden of the Correspondents, or who sits at the feet of the sages and philosophers of the Craft, can long withhold his admiration of this, the greatest of all human Institutions.

"Because our ideals are high and pure; because our principles are rooted in truth, honor and justice; because our mission is to overcome trouble, sorrow and misfortune by constancy and vicarious service; because our power for good is unconfined and incomparable, surely nothing can intervene to stay the mighty progress of so beneficent an Order. Predicated upon such essentials, it should be ours to cherish continually, to advocate faithfully, to foster zealously, and thus see a consummation at once startling not only to ourselves, but to the world at large. If there be any desire in us, let us think on these things, and remember that we owe this Order much of self-sacrifice and devotion."

WILLIAM W. GOLTRA, M. E. Grand High Priest.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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IOWA.

"Public exercises prior to opening of the Grand Chapter" are certainly *"new innovations,"* looked at through Pennsylvania eyes. "A large number of ladies, and others, availed themselves of this opportunity to look upon this Royal Arch Masons' assembly;" so say the records, and we further learn that

"The Grand Chapter, at this public reception, had the distinction of receiving one of the most popular and highly distinguished ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Jennie Matthews, who has been one of the hardest workers of the Eastern Star Home, at Boone, and who has spent her best efforts in making it the great and wonderful institution that it is today. Her remarks as to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry came from a heart filled with love and grandeur for the institution, and she paid many compliments to the past and present officers."

Shades of Judge Michael Arnold! Can such things be? We can understand how the heart of this leading lady of the Eastern Star could be filled with love, but just how it could also be filled with grandeur we are quite at a loss to understand. We feel that but few officers of Chapters in Pennsylvania would enjoy being on view to the "ladies and others," garbed in their robes of office. How often have we heard it said: "What would our wives say if they could see us in these rigs?"" But *n'importe. De gustibus non est disputandum.*

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation in the Consistory Building, Cedar Rapids, this 12th day of October, A. D. 1911, at ten-thirty o'clock A. M.

From the very able and interesting address of Comp. NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest of the

General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, we quote the following:

"I have mentioned two of the events to which I referred a while ago. I will now mention the third one, which is not intimately associated with Royal Arch Masonry, but which was a natural sequence of the two previous events. I refer to the advent of Christianity into the world.

"I will not quarrel with you, whatever your idea may be with reference to Christ. Whether you consider He was a mere man, specially endowed; whether you regard Him as being the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Ghost, or whether you regard Him as a myth—whatever may be your opinion concerning Christ, no thoughtful man who has studied history but will agree with me that Christianity has had a greater influence than all other things combined upon the fortunes of mankind. Christianity permeates all our literature, all our laws, all our civilization. Take Christianity from our literature and it would be poor indeed; take it from our laws and they would be no better than those of ancient Rome; take it from our civilization and the moral and religious progress of two thousand years would be swept away. The birth of Christianity was, therefore, I repeat, the greatest event in history, and I stand before you and say to you that, but for the building of King Solomon's Temple; but for the captivity of the Jews and their permission to return and rebuild the temple at Jerusalem, Christianity could not and would not have been born, at least when and where it was born. Am I not justified, therefore, when I say that these three events constitute the three most important events in the history of mankind? Some of you have thought many of the things I have said; some of you have thought of them indifferently; some of you have thought of them studiously, reverently, and thoughtfully; whatever you may think or howsoever you may believe, the study that I have made of Capitular Masonry and the events on which it is founded and the beautiful truths which it teaches, have brought me to believe that, next to Blue Lodge Masonry, Capitular Masonry is the greatest of all."

The M. E. Grand High Priest of Iowa, Comp. John W. Thompson, then presented the annual address, which opens as follows:

"As another season of sowing and reaping in the great commonwealth of Iowa is almost completed, and as the tillers of the soil are gathering into the storehouses the fruits of their labor, abundant and beautiful, and as all nature is putting on the glowing colors of the beautiful autumn season,

so we, as members and representatives in this Grand Body, are assembled in the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation to gather into our storehouse the record of another season of labor and fruitage in the striving to make ourselves, each other, and the world better because of what has been done, and as if in keeping with the riotous yet beautiful colors of nature, we can turn to the beautiful colors of success and see the results of our labors."

Further on in the address we find the condition of Capitular Masonry in Iowa thus tersely stated:

"Masonry has never, so far as I can learn, made spectacular advancement in numbers, but in an even course and with steady increase in membership and recognition among fraternal orders, has commanded respect through its teachings and principles, and even among so many as are represented by Royal Arch Masons within the borders of Iowa, it is a source of gratification and pleasure to know that no strife exists, and, my Companions, upon this fact alone you and the craft generally are to be congratulated.

"With such harmony prevailing it is not surprising to note a substantial increase and—

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

"With a total membership December 31, 1909, of 11,239, we had, as shown by the returns for the year ending December 31, 1910, a total membership of 11,618, or a net gain of 377, and a gain over the year of 1908-09 of 140."

Section 171 of Iowa's Code, as we understand it, prohibits arranging Chapter meetings to conform with the time of full moon, for the M. E. High Priest says:

"There are still forty-six Chapters who are doing business and holding meetings under the much discussed 'moonlight schedule,' and if the changes have been made the fact has not been reported nor the change in by-laws approved as required."

We have carefully read his decisions, but find nothing of interest to Pennsylvania. Most of them are practically in accord with our usage.

From the conclusion we quote:

"I have made mistakes, all do, but they have not been intentional, and I ask that they be covered in a way that we have been taught. I have tried my best to serve the Craft in a way that would bring no reproach upon the Order and have done in every case what I thought was right, laying aside in the determination of any question, the idea of being biased by friendship, but always striving to do what was best for the Craft at large and not for the individual. Because I am to give place to another I do not want to feel that my usefulness has also gone, but that if any way, at any time, I can be of service to the Craft or the Grand Chapter that I may be called upon and will do my best to serve."

The Grand Secretary, the veteran and much beloved Comp. ALF. WINGATE, makes his report, and concludes as follows:

"It is again a satisfaction to be able to report that all Chapters have made returns to this office and that all dues are paid. We find from the returns an increase of three hundred and seventy-six (376) members during the year. The year closed with a total membership of eleven thousand six hundred and sixteen (11,616), December 31, 1910. Peace and harmony has prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction."

Past Grand High Priest Comp. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND presents the report on Correspondence. It opens as follows:

"I herewith submit my Tenth Annual Report on Correspondence, in which I have reviewed all of the printed Proceedings that have been received. We regret that no Proceedings have been received from Delaware and Montana, otherwise the report is complete as regards the Grand Chapters of the other States. We have expressed our own opinions freely, perhaps some may think too freely, as we have progressed through the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, and have thus avoided the necessity of an extended conclusion. If the Royal Arch Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction would generally read this report, we should feel amply rewarded for the time and thought expended in its preparation."

Under Arkansas, we clip the following, which we think is true. Probably most of us should take the hint and "boil it down":

"We are of the opinion that the Correspondents themselves are sometimes to blame for a limit being placed upon the length of their reports. We have found that a report of 100 pages will cover about all the interesting news to be found in the printed Proceedings received each year, and it does not require very much condensing either. Make your reports as interesting as possible and not too long and they will be more largely read by the Companions of your Jurisdiction, for whose benefit we are all writing, and we believe they will be more highly appreciated. Human nature is pretty much the same regardless of Jurisdictional lines."

Comp. CLEVELAND largely eschews the paste-pot, and relegates the scissors to *innocuous desuetude.*

Under California, we quote this:

"The Grand Chapter, on motion, ordered that a committee of three be appointed to meet with a like committee from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the purpose of formulating some plan similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas, whereby a petition for the Chapter Degrees must be accompanied by a petition for the Council. The report of this committee and the action upon such report will be watched by the Companions all over the United States. While it is agreed among all that something ought to be done to promote the welfare of the Council of Royal and Select Masters of this country, and while our Texas Companions have solved the situation so far as they are concerned with entire satisfaction to themselves, and as a result have today the largest Grand Council in the United States, prosperous and growing, yet our Kentucky Companions took the initiatory step all right, but from some unknown causes quietly put the plan to sleep without giving any explanation whatever for their action. We wait to see if our California Companions will have the nerve to allow free discussion upon the floors of the Grand Chapter, or quietly put it to sleep in the committee room as did they of Kentucky. Whatever its action may be it will have an influence upon the course pursued by other Grand Chapters throughout the country."

There is so much quotable matter in Comp. CLEVELAND's review that our scissors yawn to be at the work of clipping, but where there is such wealth of material we can only gaze, absorb and abstain.

Pennsylvania has attention at Comp. CLEVELAND's

hands. All the salient points are touched pithily, and a part of Past Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM's address is quoted. Our work as reviewer is most graciously touched upon, and our thanks are tendered. Although this is all the pay we get, it is enough. Rather would we hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" than the clink of coin of the realm as pay in our pockets.

Under South Carolina, we clip the following re correspondence reports, and say yea! yea! and amen!

"What we like about his report is that he has decided opinions and is not afraid to express them. The province of a Correspondent is to write freely of what he finds in his journey through the several Jurisdictions, and feel free to express his opinions that exist without any fear of having some Grand High Priest score him for being too ready with his pen, and then have a committee endorse and approve of such censure. The body of Correspondents appreciate that their mission is to educate and interest their Companions in Masonic matters. He urges North Dakota to lay aside boyish things next year and assume its position as a full grown man and see that there is a Report on Correspondence for the information of its Companions."

Under Wisconsin, we clip the following re Grand Representatives:

"It seems so out of the usual for a Grand Representative to send a communication to the Chapter whose Representative he is near his own Grand Chapter, something that every Grand Representative should do, that several such communications were deemed worthy of printing in the Proceedings. The Grand Representative system could be made a feature of the Grand Bodies if the Grand Representatives would exert themselves to attend the annual convocation of their Grand Chapters, and if they find they cannot be present a two-cent stamp will convey a letter of regret at enforced absence. This is due to the Grand Chapter, and would show that a worthy appointment was made in his selection, and that he appreciated the honor bestowed."

And we quote his conclusion entire:

"In our annual review of the Grand Chapters that comprise the Capitular world, we have not hesitated to criticise and comment on unusual condi-

tions or new questions, as they have presented themselves, or have been discovered in our unceasing search for material that might prove interesting and instructive to those for whom we labor, and shall therefore devote but little space or time to concluding remarks.

"The burning questions that in the past have been such fruitful subjects of discussion for the Masonic writers have been put to sleep, or otherwise disposed of to the satisfaction of all concerned, and are no longer open for further discussion, and the Masonic writer of today finds a dearth of material from which to create an interesting report.

"The intimate and somewhat unusual relations existing between the Chapters and Councils in the State of Texas continue to hold the center of the stage in Masonic circles. While it is claimed by some writers that the Chapters have no right to insist upon a candidate petitioning for the Council Degrees at the same time that he petitions for the Chapter Degrees, they are exercising that right in the Royal Arch Chapters of Texas, and a petition for the Council Degrees must accompany their petition for the Chapter Degrees. It reminds us of the American citizen who found himself incarcerated in a British prison. Sending for a prominent English lawyer he explained the situation to him. The lawyer exclaimed in great anger: 'They can't throw you into prison for that; it's impossible, it can't be done' 'Yes, I know,' said the American, 'but they have done it, and I am in prison now in spite of your declaration to the contrary.' The arrangement in Texas seems to give general satisfaction, and there is no question as to the good standing of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of Texas, for they have been recognized as regular by the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council of the United States.

"It is hoped that the 'Texas plan' may prove a solution to the old prerequisite idea upon which so much has been written in the past, and it is being studied by Masonic students of many of the Grand Jurisdictions of this country who have a strong desire to see the Council degrees advanced to a more secure and satisfactory position among the other existing Masonic Bodies.

"Without exception the Grand Chapters of this and foreign countries show a steady increase in membership. We believe that the Chapter degrees are more highly regarded today than in the past for their real and intrinsic worth, rather than as mere stepping stones to higher degrees, especially when studied in connection with Symbolic Masonry the Chapter degrees take on increased interest and importance as inseparably connected with Ancient Craft Masonry, and with the Royal and Select Master's degrees comprehend a complete and perfect whole.

"As we contemplate the marvelous growth of Masonry in recent years

and realize the wholesome and benign influence that it exerts upon the better nature of its votaries, we are led to conceive a higher opinion of Freemasonry, our duty to it and to each other, and the longing comes to us to cherish and hold fast to those priceless treasures, so rare and so precious—true friendship and brotherly love—and the beautiful lines of the poet come to us in all of their chaste beauty of thought and expression.

'Somewhere in the garden of Eden there grew,
Where its tendrils were watered by the heavenly dew,
A little green vine, of species so rare
That Adam and Eve knew not it was there,
Until the bold serpent had taught them the way
To discover such things when he led them astray.

'When the couple first discovered the vine,
And found that its fragrance was something divine,
They trained it to grow at the side of their hearth;
From thence it has spread to the ends of the earth.
In hot, sandy desert, in mountains of snow,
Wherever man plants it, 'twill flourish and grow.

'There is naught in the world so mild, yet so strong;
There is nothing so deep, so broad, or so long;
It holds in its tendrils superlative power,
Yet it bears on its branches a sweet little flower.
The threatenings of death it has often defied,
And for it a Saviour has suffered and died.

'It binds up the wounds of the sick and the sad,
It helps to reform the vicious and bad;
It flows through the gates of the strong prison door,
Unbinding the victim that is chained to the floor.
The need is direct from God's garden above;
This vine is true friendship—it blossoms from love.' "

GEORGE A. RIEMCKE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ALF. WINGATE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Forty-sixth Annual Convocation at the Scottish Rite Temple, Kansas City, Kansas, on Monday, February 13, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at three P. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. FRED. WASHBON, read his annual address, which, on motion of M. E. ALEX. A. SHARP, was referred to the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers.

His lines evidently fell in pleasant places, for he says:

"The very limited amount of correspondence with the local Chapters has been a surprise to your Grand High Priest, and the labor thus imposed upon him much less than was expected. There have been very few inquiries concerning the law, and none which required decisions of sufficient note to be reported here. No troubles between Companions or Chapters have been reported. The officers of the Chapters generally seem to be well informed as to the laws and usages of the Order, and are able to conduct the affairs of their Chapters with very little aid or direction from the Grand High Priest. All of this speaks forcefully for the high order of character, capability and intelligence of the Capitular membership in Kansas, and presents a highly congratulatory condition of internal affairs."

And he thus concludes:

"The Capitular Rite of Freemasonry has always appealed to him as the very cope-stone of the entire complete system of Ancient Craft Masonry as that which rounded out and finished the concrete philosophy of the entire system. If there is a distinctive Masonic symbolism which, above all others, emphasizes the one all-important and central thought in the philosophy of Masonry, it is that of the loss of and search for the true word—that word which is light, that light which is GOD. Masonic labor is, in fact, the struggle of the finite seeking to discover and know the infinite; the groping of the human intelligence, reaching out into the chaos of the unknown in an effort to reach a broader and better understanding and a closer communion with the intelligence divine; and while the symbolism of Capitular Masonry does not and cannot bring to the

individual Mason in this mortal existence the fruition of full and complete accomplishment, it does present and emphasize the most striking epitome of the longed for and hoped for final consummation and reward of our search and our labors. And, companions, may we be given the faith to believe that one day all good Masons will receive the reward of their labors, will find the light, and hear the true word uttered by Him whose name it is."

Comp. MATTHEW C. MILLER presents the report on Correspondence. Note that we are not "foreigners."

Under Iowa, and bearing on the question of Masonic charity, he says:

"It is well worthy of inquiry and studied investigation whether much of the dry rot and lack of interest in the membership of some of our Bodies and in some of our religious organizations is not owing to the fact that we are not engaged in some active, energetic work for the relief of those to whom we have pledged relief in the day of their necessity. Did you ever know a church that voluntarily provided an ample and generous deacon's fund and made inquiry and provision for the destitute of its communion, that was ever justly criticised for its lack of spirituality? We have noted for many years that the Lodges most active in looking after the sick and most generous to the unfortunate and distressed, were the lodges most noted for their strength and growth and increase in membership. Will it not benefit our other Bodies in like measure to take up and inaugurate a specific line of benevolence?"

And later, on the subject of correspondents, he says:

"We do not believe that a correspondence writer who receives twenty-five cents a page for his copy will put the full 100 per cent. of his skill, industry and zeal into the work that his neighbor does who receives four times as much a page for *his* copy. We believe as a result of this difference there is 'hack work' in correspondence writing as well as there is in other fields of literary labor; and we believe that there are those who can and do detect work of that kind without special effort or study. We do not believe as good work is being done as can be done; we do not believe there are any of us who are insensible to the ordinary incentives to better work.

"Do you ask, What are these? I would place foremost the appreciation of intelligent and discriminating judges of such work, who without flattery write to the Correspondent and express their pleasure at special features or portions of his work. The man who does not get a glow of

genuine inspiration toward higher endeavor from such a communication is so thoroughly self-centered as to need nothing beyond the satisfaction to be found in reading his own diary.

"Another incentive to better work comes to the correspondent from the praise or criticism to which his work is subjected by his Brother correspondents. When we first began to write such reports—over seventeen years ago—a good deal of fun was being poked at the correspondence writers, as being collectively a 'mutual admiration society.' The modern writer on correspondence is a free lance, and he does not hesitate to bestow condemnation or praise as they may be justly merited, and the result has been improvement. Writers have been more chary of dogmatic utterance and more careful about the historic truth of their statements, and less disposed to accept long-repeated fiction because of its antiquity. Poets may be born, but correspondents are made by attrition from their fellows—the perfect ashlar is never formed from the rough except by subjection to the steel and maul.

"Our correspondence reports will be read when we put something into them worth reading, when the correspondent so magnifies his office that his brethren recognize the fact that his work is worthy of their encouragement and support, and that, for the latter, they are receiving a valuable consideration.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, and he says:

"The address of M. E. Comp. Sundstrom has such a beautiful opening that we feel constrained to try it on the Kansas Companions, in the hope that they may experience spiritual uplift therefrom."

From his conclusion we quote the following re Capitular Masonry:

"In so far as we divest it of child play—relegating the latter to the organization or organizations built on proportional intellectual lines specially adapted for it—we find that there is an increased interest manifested in the work by those whose aid is necessary to restore to it the solemnity which is its strongest claim; those to whom the Book of the Law is not simply a ritualistic expression, and who believe the Name of the Most High receives no added distinction or veneration from such connection."

WILL. C. CHAFFEE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ALBERT K. WILSON, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 17, 1911, A. I. 2441, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch degree at eight o'clock P. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, HARRY BAILEY, delivered the address, from which we clip the following lines:

"It is fitting that when the melancholy days have come and that when nature is rendering an account to herself and to her God of her actions and growth of the past year, that when the autumn leaves are falling to be gathered in store for the winter, that we should, when the fall days come, gather together in Annual Convocation, look over the deeds and actions of the past year, blot out the errors as we may, take stock for the coming year and lay our plans and draw our designs on the trestle board for the future. We shall not look mournfully back into the past. It comes no more to us again. The happy and glorious present is with us and we shall make of it the best we can. We will go forth into the shadowy future with strong hearts and without fear. The fields are always ripe with abundant harvest for the help and amelioration of the conditions of humanity and there is always need for Masonry, always work for the true and enthusiastic Mason. Our growth this year has been phenomenal, and every year more Companions are taking an interest in the doings of the Royal Craft of the State. We are appreciative and thankful for these things and for the many blessings showered upon us by the Great Architect of the Universe, and with trust in Him Who doeth all things well, I welcome you to the Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky."

Further on he says that

"I am not at all in sympathy with the Grand Representative system. It's a relic of feudalism, and worthless and a nuisance. There is nothing in it to recommend it except the mere empty compliment of the commission that flatters the vanity, and is mere child's play. When we desire a representative near to another Grand Chapter we generally go to the Grand Secretary of that Jurisdiction. I consider the system foolish and worthless."

Hurrah! "Square-toed by th——dr." And yet he "went and gone and did" appoint a number of them. Now! how do you feel, appointees? Was your vanity flattered by your appointment under the circumstances?

Permission was given for two public installations. Don't faint! This was in Kentucky.

Among the decisions we find the following:

"A Companion of a Louisville Chapter paid his dues several months in advance and obtained a receipt therefor and signed a petition directed to another Chapter in same city. He handed his petition to which was attached his receipt for dues to the Secretary of the other Chapter and asked that the Secretary take steps to allow him to become a member of the second Chapter. The secretary of the second Chapter demurred to this action and by agreement of parties it was appealed to me. For his action, the Companion urged that as there was no like ruling in the Grand Chapter permitting this action on his part, and there was a ruling for such action in the Grand Lodge, that hence we must go to the Grand Lodge ruling for our course of action.

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"I therefore decided that in order to affiliate with a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction a Companion must file a demit with the petition asking for affiliation and that the Companion had no right to petition a Chapter without filing his demit with said petition."

Kentucky is in the forefront with its Masonic charities. We quote re the "Old Masons' Home" and the "Widows' and Orphans' Home":

"On Tuesday, June 27, 1911, I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons Home at Shelbyville, Ky., of which the Grand High Priest is a member. Almost the full membership of the board were present. The occasion was the dedication of the Home for the use for which it had been built. The indebtedness on it is now entirely cancelled, and it starts out with a splendid future. Companion Chester M. Jewett, a Royal Arch Mason and a resident of my home town, made the dedicatory address which was an effort of unusual brilliancy and in fine taste. The Home now as it stands, I am told, cost forty thousand dollars and the land on which it is located cost about twenty thousand dollars.

The farm consists of about one hundred and seventy-five acres of fine and exceedingly fertile land, in fact, being some of the very best and most productive in Shelby County. There are now in the Home fifteen old brethren and it has further accommodations for about forty-five more. The furnishings of the Home cost about five thousand dollars and these were donated mostly by Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies and individual brethren of the State. The day was one long to be remembered by those who participated in the festivities and ceremonies. The building of this Home is indeed an epoch in Kentucky Masonry. It is another link in the encircling chain which binds together the Craft in Kentucky and which binds us to the whole world in brotherly love and peace. It will always be a very pleasant memory to those who visited the Home on that day, and it is a monument to the genius and liberality of Kentucky Masons. It is here that the brother upon whom fortune has not smiled, is received and given the kindest care and attention. The Superintendent seems to be careful and attentive to his duties and kind to all the inmates and to be a man well fitted for the position. It is in all a sad place. When we look upon these men worn and battered by the storm of years, we rejoice in our hearts that we, Companions of the Craft, have been able to provide for them a Home, peaceful, restful, where they can spend their last days awaiting the final summons to join that innumerable caravan.

"WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

"On Wednesday, September 20, 1911, I called at the Widows' and Orphans' Home in this city and there met the Superintendent, Companion T. Jeff Adams, and his estimable wife. Companion Adams conducted me over the grounds and through the rooms of this splendid building. Grand High Priests and Grand Masters in years past have paid high tributes to the Home and its management and committees of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have almost exhausted the language in portraying the good this magnificent charity is and has been doing. Masonic orators everywhere in the State have descanted over the beauty and glorious conception of this wonderful institution, and yet one is not so much impressed with these speeches and words, until he has seen the workings of the Home. I saw the bedrooms orderly and well kept by the children under management of older persons. I saw the floors were scoured and clean, and the children, neat in appearance and well kept. I saw them at their books and in their recitation rooms and everywhere there were evidences of refinement, good taste and first class executive management. Companion Adams seems to have mastered the intricate duties of the Home perfectly. In fact it takes a man of considerable ability, energy and capacity to keep this large family of 285 children and 23 widows in good working order. On this day I found no discordant note whatever in the smooth running

and careful management of this institution. I saw young, active, intelligent boys and girls actuated with bright and happy hopes for the future. It's an institution of which we are justly proud. I wish every Mason in the State could see this Home as I did. I wish you could visit there and see the children at their work any morning of the days of the week. I wish every Royal Craftsman could go and see these children before he returns to his own home.

"I feel sure that if he did he would be a better man and Mason and a broader minded citizen. It's a charity worthy of our best efforts and heartiest work and I commend it to your love. You will see and have given you copies of the report of the Board of Directors and I trust you will examine it and take more interest in it than ever before."

This plethoric volume of Proceedings contains the returns of subordinate Chapters, giving the names of the officers and a list of the Companions, and other statistics. Then follows the "Constitution of The Grand Chapter of Kentucky," the "Rules of Order," the "Regulations" and the "Code." This is all very interesting reading, and our pen itches for quotations, but we must refrain.

Comp. W. W. CLARKE presents the "Report on the Doings of Grand Chapters."

We quote, under Illinois, with a strong amen! the following:

"No Mason should look upon death as a 'grim reaper.' Death is but a sleep and a forgetting, a transition from this imperfect, terrestrial Lodge to the all perfect celestial Lodge above. The unreasoning fear and hatred of death so often displayed by the uneducated and unthinking should not be catered to by any Mason by the use of any such synonym for death as the 'grim reaper.'"

And again, under New York:

"As Masons we should eschew words that provoke to anger. No Craftsman should be appointed on the Committee on Correspondence who is without convictions. At the same time, no Craftsman should accept such

appointment who cannot discuss the views of brethren and Companions without resorting to language that pains and offends. His duty is not to 'cuss' but to discuss."

We note, under Nova Scotia, that, as in our Jurisdiction, they have a committee of three to report on Correspondence.

Pennsylvania is fully reviewed, and the reviewer says: "From the interesting address of the Grand High Priest, delivered at the Annual Convocation, we excerpt the following:" and he then goes on to quote from Past Grand High Priest CARL A. SUNDSTROM's address, and then quotes his decisions. He speaks a kindly word of our committee of five, and makes the writer feel happy by his courteous and complimentary comment. "Yes, it does help; and at times helps mightily."

Under Wyoming, we quote with approval re suspension and restoration *ipso facto:*

"Without questioning the correctness of decisions under the Kentucky laws, we do not as a rule favor laws that work automatically. If under decision No. 1 there is record of suspension upon the books of the Chapter, it would seem that provision should be made in the law covering the necessary steps to restore a member when disability has been removed.

"There is nothing unjust in the law; on the contrary, it is eminently just and fair. The Companion, not having been suspended by the Chapter, but because of the operation of the law of dependent membership, having been suspended by his Lodge, and the Chapter being officially notified of the fact, a record is made, not that he had been suspended by the Chapter, but that he had been suspended by Lodge, by which act of the Lodge he becomes, automatically if you will, suspended by the Chapter. There is no record of a trial or a judgment rendered by the Chapter. Hence, when the Lodge removes the disabilities that it and it alone imposed, it certified that fact to the Chapter, and a record being made that the disabilities have been removed by the Lodge, he becomes, by the same method by which he lost his Chapter privileges, restored to them. There is no discussion here of the doctrine of Dependent Membership. We believe

in it. But whether we do or do not, it is a fact in this Jurisdiction; and being a fact, the method of its operations are simple and in them is no injustice."

And he winds up with an enigma, as follows:

"During the period covered by the foregoing report, nothing of a nature to disturb the even, onward flows of the Masonic tide has occurred. The Craft is increasing in numbers and enlarging its boundaries. And this is as it should be. If we mistake not, a grave danger threatens our great nation, a danger that menaces it not from without, but lurks within; a danger that will sooner or later have to be met and overcome; and largely on the Masonic Order will devolve the duty of maintaining in their integrity the institutions committed to us by our Masonic forefathers, and to secure which, they gave freely of their treasure and their blood. We will need Masons, good men and true; only such are needed in maintaining the building whose very foundation is threatened."

What is it Emerson sings in "The Sphinx"?

"Who has drugged my boy's cup?
Who has mixed my boy's bread?
Who, with sadness and madness,
Has turned my child's head?"

David W. Gray, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Tuesday, February 7, 1911, at twelve o'clock M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. H. A. King, delivered an address, which opens as follows:

"As in the benevolent dispensation of the Almighty and the fraternal esteem of this Constituency, I stand here, in these hallowed precincts,

mantled with the investment of high authority, to hail with joy and to welcome with gladness the Companions from far and near throughout the vast commonwealth of Louisiana; it is with infinite gratitude to Eternal Providence, God and Father of us all for the rich plenitude of blessings his boundless mercy has vouchsafed to our Order and to us individually during the past year; and with a profound and lasting appreciation that you should have selected me from the number of so many more worthy Companions to stand in the mystic and sacred line of Aaron, to shoulder the responsibility and to administer the affairs of this Grand Craft."

We can not but sympathize with him in his effort to overcome his distaste for "Book-Masonry," and would that he could be untrammelled to deliver the work as it came to him from mouth to ear:

"I have always been opposed to the adoption of the work of the General Grand Chapter or any other written work; but, since the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, in its wisdom saw fit to adopt it, I submit to the will of the majority, have studied it carefully, and am very much pleased with it, though I can see very little or no improvement over the work taught by our Grand Lecturers, which some of us have learned and feel that we come honestly by, and which conforms in verbiage to that taught by the Grand Lecturers in the Blue Lodge work of Louisiana.

"This is the first experience I have had with Book-Masonry and I sincerely hope as time wears on that I will become more fully reconciled to the belief that it is consistent with the dignity of the Order and not an encroachment on the ancient usages and established landmarks of our Ancient and Honorable Institution; but I still believe that an attentive ear should receive the sound from the instructive tongue and the secrets of Freemasonry safely deposited within the repository of the faithful breast."

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of Past Grand High Priest Companion Herman C. Duncan, and a very good document it is, although condensed to the limit. Nevertheless, under Alabama, he says:

"We note the statement that the Grand Chapter was opened in 'ample form.' And then we are told that it was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest. In symbolic Masonry we are told that the word 'ample' should

be used in respect to the opening of a Grand Lodge only when it is done by a Grand Master. By parity of reasoning we should think that it could only properly be used when the act is that of a Grand High Priest."

In Pennsylvania the Constitution of Grand Chapter provides that "When the Grand High Priest opens the Grand Chapter, it is in *ample* form; when it is opened by the Grand King or the Grand Scribe, it is in *due* form; when opened by a Past Grand High Priest or other Companion, it is in *form* only."

Under Indiana, he says:

"The Grand High Priest recommended that proficiency be required in candidates before their advancement. This was referred to a special committee. This committee reported that they found the recommendation a good one, but that they 'found no regulation on the subject, and therefore find nothing to amend.' This seems to us a lame and impotent conclusion. Is nothing that is good to be done because forsooth the Regulations are silent on the subject?"

Certainly not, Comp. DUNCAN, for "In Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited," and there you are.

Under Mississippi, we clip the following:

"In reference to 'work,' he agrees with us that the work in Capitular Masonry should be made conformable to that of the Grand Lodge in such points as are parallel. But he fails to explain how this is possible in the case of the work of the General Grand Chapter when the work of the several Grand Lodges differ one from another. There is but one solution apparent to us, that the several Grand Lodges agree to set aside their own work and adopt in place of it a uniform work for the entire country. This could be done by a convention of the Committees on Work of the several Grand Lodges which the said Grand Lodges would agree to adopt.

"Companion McKay errs when he undertakes to give description of the work that we have followed in Louisiana for the last fifty years. It may have been accurate of the work that was done in this Jurisdiction under its Grand Chapter back in the Thirties and Forties. But when the old Grand Chapter of Louisiana was disbanded, and a new Grand Chapter was organized, a representative in the person of Companion Gordy was sent to a Convention held about that time in Baltimore, if our recollection serves

us in respect to place, and the work recommended by that Convention was adopted and at once became the exclusive use in this Jurisdiction. As we are informed that work was largely prepared under the supervision of Companion Gould, of Connecticut, the editor in conjunction with Companion Seville, of New Jersey, of the Monitor that bears their names.

"What the work of the old Grand Chapter was we do not know. Possibly the characterization of Companion McKay that it was made up of Webb work, Scotch Rite and Pennsylvania work may be correct. Those who used it and knew it have without an exception long been dead. And it is of interest to us only in a historic way. We can say only that in the work that we have used for the last forty years we have never seen any trace of the work of the Scotch Rite, and that recently we had the pleasure of a visit from an intelligent companion from Pennsylvania and he told us that our work was essentially different from that now used in his Jurisdiction."

Under Ohio, we find the following:

"A provision was adopted requiring that only one candidate in the Mark Master's degree should be obligated at a time. We can perceive no inherent reason for this. We presume that it is because of the test that follows the obligation. But, even so, we think the lesson can be conveyed as effectively on several candidates at the same time, one being selected for the actual test as if that was applied individually. Of course, there may be a difference of opinion about this, and herein we are but expressing our individual opinion."

And this is the conclusion:

"We have not received any papers requiring action by our Grand Chapter, and as a consequence have no resolutions to present.

"We, therefore, submit this, our eighteenth annual report, and ask that it be read. We feel that the labor expended upon it should receive such compensation."

Your work certainly should receive this courtesy, which we have extended to it, but we have been repaid in the perusal.

J. B. Adams, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, P. G. H. P. R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall in Portland on Tuesday evening, May 2, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at seven o'clock.

The annual address of M. E. Comp. THOMAS H. BODGE was presented, from which we quote the opening paragraphs:

"It is with pleasure I welcome you to the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine.

"We are met, some for the first time, while others have attended the sessions for many years. It is with heartfelt gratitude to the GREAT JEHOVAH that we approach the throne of heavenly grace to offer our adorations of thanksgiving and praise, and exclaim 'He is good, for His mercy endureth forever!'

"Again, companions, in this Tabernacle, hallowed by so many sacred memories of past fraternal greetings, we are met to consult for the good of Capitular Masonry; to be guided by the errors of the past that we may avoid mistakes in the future; to advance the work of the Royal Craft to the utmost of our abilities, as has been done by those who have gone before us. When this session shall close we shall disperse, never to meet again within these walls. The opening of our next annual convocation will be in larger and more splendid rooms. To those who have been present during past convocations comes an ever increasing realization that in every going forth from the Sanctuary some depart upon the journey into that far distant country whence no traveler returns. Each year finds some loved familiar face missing, and soon the place that has known us will know us no more, and new craftsmen will be laboring on the work we must leave unfinished."

The spirit of Oliver Wendell Holmes as breathed in "The Chambered Nautilus" has evidently been obeyed. For did he not command:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O, my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

Of the condition of the Craft, he says:

"The reports of the several subordinate Chapters show a general healthy growth. The Committee on Returns will report a net gain in membership of 205, a very satisfactory increase.

"The reports of the Council Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests show the Chapters to be in good condition, with few exceptions. There are still a few, but I am glad to say very few, Chapters in which there seems to be little conception of the absolute solemnity which should pertain to all the work of exaltation. Let us, Companions, strive to impress upon all candidates that the work of Capitular Masonry is of divine institution, and should be sacredly regarded as such in its communication.

"Generally there is from year to year a better understanding of the Ritual, a more dignified presentation of the work, and a truer realization of the moral lessons. I believe too great stress cannot be placed upon the necessity of a thorough mastery of the Ritual by the officers, and dignity in all parts of the work, to emphasize the serious lessons we endeavor to impart. The meeting of the Grand Officers each year for study and instruction under the direction of the Grand Lecturer has led to greater uniformity and more correct rendering."

He further says:

"I am very glad to report no Dispensations have been granted to receive and ballot upon petitions out of time. During all my connection with the Grand Chapter my opposition to granting such has been well established, and while I have received some tentative inquiries if such would be granted, no direct request has resulted. I believe it is not conducive to the good of Masonry to set aside a generally accepted law and custom for the personal convenience of any applicant. I recognize contingencies may arise to warrant such action, but believe they are very rare."

Among other commissions to Representatives, we

note the appointment of GEORGE A. GORGAS, near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The following is an interesting decision re "dual" membership:

"A Companion holding membership in two Chapters in Massachusetts, which permits dual membership, moved into this Jurisdiction.

"*Query.* Will making application accompanied by a dimit from one of the Massachusetts' Chapters entitle him to become a member if elected to a Chapter in Maine?

"*Answer.* So long as he holds membership in another Chapter, no matter where located, he cannot affiliate."

We certainly like the tone of his conclusion, which is as follows:

"Since I have held office in the Grand Chapter I have endeavored to fulfill to the best of my ability the duties incumbent upon me in the various stations I have occupied. I appreciate the honors which have been conferred and the courtesies which have been extended by the various Chapters which I have visited, and by the individual members of those Chapters. The greatest reward that comes to an inspecting officer is, perhaps, the friendships which are formed, and, next to that, the consciousness of having attempted to do the best possible for Capitular Masonry.

"As I return to you the authority with which I was invested one year ago, I do it with the testimony of a good conscience and I firmly believe the approbation of the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction. I have found the Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Secretary always as ready to give as I have been free to ask instruction. While my work as an active officer in the Grand Chapter is finished, I shall ever have its welfare and prosperity in mind and be ready to serve it in every possible way."

The Proceedings are replete with reports of committees of interest only to the Jurisdiction for which they were prepared. There is, too, a table of contents, which makes reference easy.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. Herbert Harris. He says that

"In the midst of a rough New England winter this, my ninth report, is begun. In such weather one's ideas do not flow easily, and one is frequently interrupted by the necessity of tending fires. Before the report is finished, we shall be enjoying the charms of a New England summer; but, at present, in the hope of getting an idea or two, I shall betake me to the sunny South, starting in with Alabama."

The entire report is readable and, in so far as such reports can be, enjoyable. The subject matter selected for notice is wisely selected, and the comments are pithy and apropos.

We learn, under Connecticut, for instance, that

"In Maine, we are not required to open either Lodge or Chapter on its highest degree, at a special meeting, unless there is something to be done in that degree. No business can be done at a special except that of which previous notice has been given; so it is easy to know whether there will be business or not."

Further on he says:

"Maine for 1909 receives courteous attention (from Connecticut), with quotations. Of one of our laws, however, he thus expresses his disapproval:

'Maine has a constitutional provision that neither the retiring Grand King or Grand Scribe shall be eligible for election to either of those offices. Consequently the re-election of the G. H. P. resulted in the dropping of both, a possible loss of the services of able Companions. This seems an undue limitation by the Grand Chapter on its own freedom of choice. Can it not trust its own discrimination? We are glad Connecticut labors under no such petty restrictions.'

"We in Maine are well satisfied with its working. Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes are eligible to the office of Deputy Grand High Priests, and, if Past High Priests (as they invariably are), they are eligible as Grand High Priests. The law in question was enacted to counteract a rather objectionable tendency, as follows: We usually re-elect our Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest once, thus giving them two years of service. Until a few years ago, we were in the habit

of re-electing all elective officers, and the Grand High Priest was even expected to re-appoint all the others. Then, when the Grand High Priest retired, each subordinate was advanced one step almost as a matter of course. This had two bad results, namely: A Grand High Priest could actually select only one officer of the Grand Chapter, the very lowest; and (what was worse) every office-holder came to think he had a full right to promotion and re-promotion until he attained the highest position.

"Our new rule, as M. E. Com. Kies says, has broken up this automatic rotation in office. We still elect, as Deputy, the man whom we intend to make Grand High Priest two years later, because we think he should have some time in which to fit himself for that high office. The Deputy, too, is usually selected from among the Past Grand Kings and Scribes, about one in four receiving this promotion. The truth is that, in Maine, as probably elsewhere, there are many worthy Companions, whom we are pleased to honor by giving them office in Grand Chapter, who might not be equal to the duties of Grand High Priest; it is also true that there are some who are glad to attain permanent membership in the Grand Chapter (which results from installation as Grand King or Grand Scribe), who do not wish for the responsibilities of the Grand High Priest's office. By our former plan, the offices were held a long time by a few Companions, one new man being admitted to the charmed circle on alternate years. Now the changes are more numerous and more frequent, and we all are better pleased."

Under North Carolina, we find the following:

"M. E. Comp. Southgate, P. G. H. P., had prepared a correspondence report of eighty-eight pages, his twenty-seventh. For some reason, the Grand Secretary had asked for 'a shorter report this year,' and Comp. Southgate had left obliged to confine himself pretty closely to a sort of *pot pourri*, composed of the various proceedings, without much seasoning.

"Maine for 1909 came under his notice and received a genial, chatty review. He complains of several correspondents because they use the scissors so much, and says that he prefers to have more of the correspondent. It is true that *we* find nothing new in the clippings, because we have read them 'in the original;' but we are supposed to be writing for our home Companions; and there are some of us who think the Companions will be more interested in the good things from other Jurisdictions than in anything that we could write. Not many can be Drummonds, Ruggs, Cunninghams, nor yet Warvelles, and the thin stuff concocted by some Masonic writers is not nourishing."

We have a horrible suspicion that some time and somewhere we have said that thought is procreative, but there must be at least two thoughts; and that Comp. WARVELLE was right when he said in effect, or liberally translated, that if the published Proceedings of any Jurisdiction did not receive liberal notice it was not the fault of the reviewer. This does not mean to say that the Proceedings are unworthy of the Jurisdiction or that they reflect any discredit on their preparation. On the contrary, they may be of great interest to the Jurisdiction for which they were prepared. But they do not contain virile thoughts attractive to the reviewer. A review under such circumstances must perforce be brief.

The use of the scissors and paste-pot does not mean that the reviewer is either lazy or a "padder." A quotation must first have been read and have had sufficient merit to induce the reviewer to quote it. Now then, if a new thought is born of the union, then comes the comment.

The proof of what has been said above may be deduced from Comp. HARRIS's conclusion, which is as follows. Note the italics, which are ours:

"The careful reading of volumes of proceedings in this, my ninth year of service, has *brought to light very little that is new or startling.* A review of the Grand Chapter transactions of the present day is necessarily a different affair from those written twenty-five or thirty years ago. Not only have many of the great Masonic writers of those days crossed the river of death, but *most of the important disputed questions,* which called forth their powers, *have been satisfactorily settled.*

"It is a distinct loss to Masonic literature that we no longer have such reports as those of Comp. Drummond and the few other giants; but, on the other hand, the reports prepared by the average man are of somewhat

more value than some of those of earlier date. It is not only the most instructive and valuable of the former reviews which today find no counterpart, but also those which were least so.

"The garrulous style, reminding the reader of the gossip of old ladies at a church 'sociable,' seems to be going out of fashion. The reporters whose one effort is to be feebly funny, those who measure the value of another committee's report by the number of pages or of lines given to their own Grand Chapter, and those who quote only what is said about themselves, all these types seem to be less in evidence than formerly, though perhaps not entirely extinct.

"In former times it was not at all uncommon to find such remarks as the following, carefully reprinted for the benefit of Comp. X's home Companions:

" 'Comp. X. is one of the oldest and most accomplished Correspondents, and always writes an interesting review.

" 'The report on Foreign Correspondence is again the work of Comp. X., covering sixty-three pages. Y———— is accorded nearly two pages of courteous mention.'

"It is possible that the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Y. were interested to know how many pages Comp. X., of the Grand Chapter of Z. gave them (though it is rather doubtful); but why the information should be reprinted in the following year, for the benefit of the Companions of Z., is hard to understand.

"The average report now consists largely of quotations from, or a summary of, the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, and is sure to be instructive, whether interesting or not, to the home Companions; but the result of this leveling-up and leveling-down process is to deprive the report of its interest for the *reviewer*. The flint for his tinder and steel is lacking. There is little to laugh at, and still less to fight about in these degenerate days. The millennium cometh. 'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.'

"While we are quoting from Scripture, perhaps the following inscription from a tombstone in Augusta, Maine, may not be inappropriate:

" 'Here lies the body of Obadiah and his wife Ruth. 'Their warfare is accomplished.' "

WILMER J. DORMAN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

STEPHEN BERRY, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MARYLAND.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore on Thursday, November 17, 1910, at 7 P. M.

Sixteen subordinate Chapters were represented and thirty-eight Sister Grand Jurisdictions, among them being Pennsylvania, represented by Comp. JOHN H. MILLER.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full and Ample Form* by M. E. Grand High Priest WM. B. KING. After the appointment of committees the officers-elect of subordinate Chapters who were present were installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest; these consisted of the High Priests of fifteen Chapters, the Kings and Scribes of ten subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand High Priest refers solely to local matters. The Dispensations granted were few, and principally to hold elections to fill vacancies.

Two Dispensations were granted for new Chapters, *viz.*, Belvidere Chapter, No. 39, and Baltimore Chapter, No. 40, for which Charters were granted by the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation November 17th. The Charter of Chapter No. 37 was declared forfeited. The Proceedings contain a complete roster of the officers and members of all subordinate Chapters as well as the members of the Grand Chapter.

A beautiful memorial, consisting of a solid silver Keystone with appropriate resolutions engraved thereon,

the seal of the Grand Chapter in silver attached, and the whole placed on a solid bronze scroll 15 by 20 inches, was presented to Companion Thos. J. Shyrock, P. G. H. P. and Grand Master of Masons of Maryland.

The Grand High Priest states that, in his opinion, one evening session of the Grand Chapter is too brief for the transaction of the regular business and the installation of its officers, and recommends that two sessions be held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

The Grand Lecturer reports that during the year he visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction (24 in all), and that all the Chapters, with one exception, "were in very good condition, doing correct and impressive ritualistic work and the average attendance increased."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows balance on hand November 18th, 1909, $4,199.28, receipts $3,083.78 and expenditures $3,073.57, leaving a balance of $4,209.49 on hand. In the disbursements we do not notice any items "to charity," but perhaps this is handled in another way.

Standing resolution of the Grand Chapter which restricted the administering of the M. M. obligation to more than one candidate at a time was rescinded.

The Secretary's report shows that two hundred and twenty-two were exalted, twenty-three affiliated and seven reinstated during the year, the present membership being 3,273, a net gain of 135 for the year. There are twenty-four subordinate Chapters.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is

by Companion Edward T. Schultz, the undisputed veteran, in point of service, of us all. It is compressed into seventy-five pages. It is not mete that we of other Jurisdictions should criticize the venerable Grand Chapter of Maryland, but it does seem to us that where a Grand Chapter has such a Committee on Correspondence as Companion Schultz, there ought to be no limit set within which he must confine himself. No! No! Companions, take off the limit so long as you are able to retain Companion Schultz.

Forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, and many gems collected for the Companions of Maryland, Pennsylvania receiving a page and a half. There is a complaint that Maryland was omitted in the review by Pennsylvania in 1909. The writer does not know how this occurred, but sincerely apologizes for such an oversight. We were not on the reportorial staff when it occurred.

Companion Daniel J. Emich, of Baltimore, elected Grand High Priest.

Companion John H. Miller, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts for the year 1910 come to us in a beautiful volume containing three hundred and thirty-three pages. The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts

meets four times each year, and evidently finds plenty to do. During the last year they held two extra Communications for the constituting of new Chapters, one at Wareham, Mass., and one at Gardiner, Mass.

At the Quarterly Communication held March 8th, only routine business was transacted, and during a recess of the Grand Chapter a service of sorrow was held, at which fitting memorials were presented on the death of R. E. Companion Albert Harleigh Kirkham and M. E. Companion Baalis Sanford were read.

At the Quarterly Communication held June 7th, the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following, which was adopted:

"In respect to 'a suitable provision to regulate' the length of time necessary for a Mason to reside in the Jurisdiction of any subordinate Chapter in the Commonwealth properly to prepare him for the right to apply for the Capitular degrees your Committee would recommend the adoption of a period of not less than six months, in order to guard more carefully the period of acquaintance and residence desirable, that the Chapter may be able to acquire proper knowledge as to the candidates."

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts also at this Communication recognized the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming.

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States M. E. Companion Nathan Kingsley paid the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts a visitation at this Convocation, and delivered a most learned address.

At the Annual Convocation held December 13th the Grand Lecturer exemplified the four degrees. We note

that at each Convocation the Representative for Pennsylvania was present.

The Grand High Priest, DANA BURRAGE, said, in opening his address:

"From lofty Greylock to the sand dunes of Nantucket; from the hills that face Monadnock to the waves that gently lap the shore at Swansea; from the wooded sources of the Deerfield, high on Hoosac Mountain, to the bluff at Winthrop, overlooking Boston's island-studded harbor, the last days of the year find the Constituent Chapters of our Beloved Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts generally thriving, prosperous, larger in numbers, stronger in zeal and purpose, with increased wealth and above all, with heightened enthusiasm. From every viewpoint the year that closes tonight has been most prosperous, and we may well congratulate those who have labored so well in the past upon the fact that the harvest of today fully justifies and rewards their careful planting and attendant care * * * The total membership of the subordinate Chapters on August 31, 1910, was 22,053, a net gain of 596 for the year."

But two decisions are reported, one, that a member who had made false answers in his petition to his Blue Lodge, and been expelled by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, could not visit or attend any Chapter meetings until he was healed; second, that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts unquestionably disapproves of naming new Chapters for living men.

In the granting of Dispensations the Grand High Priest seems to have been very judicious.

The Grand High Priest, in a circular letter to the subordinate Chapters, under date of March 10, 1910, recommended the display of the National Flag in the Chapter Hall at every Convocation, regular and special.

Five most excellent addresses of M. E. High Priest BURRAGE are printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

This is a very good idea, as it enables one to turn to the many good things therein contained without hunting through the whole Proceedings.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand at last report $4,685.95; received during the year from various sources $8,485.16, making a total of $13,171.11, with disbursements amounting to $9,275.76, leaving a balance in his hands of $3,895.35, which, with the assets held by the Trustee, of $30,589.41, makes the net balance of the Grand Chapter's financial resources $34,484.76, a very comfortable showing. We note among the disbursements one of $1,000 to the Masonic Home and a number of smaller amounts to other charities.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, J. Gilman Waite. His reviews of 44 Grand Jurisdictions cover 142 pages.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, three full pages being accorded. The decision that a written objection can not be filed against a petitioner is quoted and criticized. We might say that this has always been the Law of Pennsylvania. We do not carry on the work of the Chapter by correspondence. Under the caption "Work," three paragraphs are quoted with approval; also the paragraphs on "Electioneering" for Masonic offices are approvingly quoted.

Companion Waite has so well summed up some of the signs of the times in his conclusion that we reproduce a portion of it:

"One of the healthiest signs of the times seems to lie in the decision of some Grand High Priests to stand firmly and to refuse to issue Dis-

pensations for setting aside all well established rules of the Constitution and General Regulations by their Grand Bodies, which they have so solemnly sworn to uphold and maintain. We have no desire to assist a candidate by placing him on a lightning express to enable him to attain the goal of his ambition out of due course. In almost every instance the requests have been made when two purposes actuated the parties: first the commercialism of the officers of the Chapter to obtain a fee; second, the desire of the candidate to acquire what he desires with the least possible effort of his part.

"The spirit of commercialism too often leads the officers of a Chapter to disregard the vested rights of others and poach upon their preserves, which when carried too far, will result in establishing lines like a Chinese wall around every chartered body."

Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, Grand High Priest.

Companion J. GILMAN WAITE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the city of Marquette, Michigan, June 27, 28, 1911.

The Transactions thereof come to us in a very neat volume of three hundred and five pages, with an excellent engraving of Companion ARTHUR E. STEVENS, M. E. Grand High Priest in 1910, as a frontispiece.

Out of the one hundred and fifty-one subordinate Chapters, one hundred and forty were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, says that "Thrice has the spirit come to us" during the year and removed three of their Past Grand High Priests, *viz.:*

Charles John Kruger, Grand High Priest in 1878, who died March 1, 1910; Frank N. Clark, Grand High Priest in 1899, who died suddenly of apoplexy December 19, 1910, and Thomas H. Williams, 33°, Grand High Priest, 1905, who died suddenly of apoplexy April 4, 1911. To the memory of each he pays a glowing tribute.

Ten Dispensations were granted, three of which were to receive and ballot on petitions at the same meeting, "The petitioners being about to leave the Jurisdiction." It might have been as well to let them leave as to have them sign up a paper, be balloted for and receive the degrees all at once. This is too easy and cheap to be good. Other Dispensations were for election and installation, the reason being in two or three cases that an epidemic of smallpox prevented all public meetings of any kind.

Two Dispensations for new Chapters were granted, and Boyne Chapter was constituted during the year.

Modern Masonry is certainly making great strides in Michigan.

The Grand High Priest in his address recommended the abolition of physical qualifications and of jurisdictional lines in the State of Michigan. The Committee on Jurisprudence, consisting of three members, but two of whom were present, brought in the following report of physical qualifications:

"The said Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution reads as follows: 'No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees upon

any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of the Order, and the use of the substitutes is prohibited.'

"Your Committee is in hearty accord with all that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest has said in regard to physical qualifications of its applicants for the Capitular degrees and especially since the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of this Grand Jurisdiction has conferred upon its Constituent Lodges the power and authority to judge of the physical as well as the mental and moral qualifications of its applicants, do we believe that the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Chapter should be granted like power and authority.

"It will be noted, however, that said Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution covers another and a very important matter, viz.: that 'the use of substitutes is prohibited.'

"Your Committee does not believe that this portion of our law should be repealed, and would therefore recommend that said Article X of the Constitution be amended by striking out said Section 4 as it now stands and substituting therefore the following: Section 4—No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall be allowed to use substitutes in the conferring of degrees.

"The report of the Amendment was adopted and the proposed Amendment then receiving more than two-thirds of all the votes was declared adopted."

As the Law now stands, the lame, the blind, and those so imbecile in mind and decrepit in body as to be unable to make themselves known, hasten to Michigan, for there ye will find a welcome (if you have the price). Now, this may seem strange, but the Grand High Priest advocated the entire abolition of Jurisdiction lines, and says:

We are today, in our Chapters in active competition, using the word within the meaning of the degree in which competition can enter into things Masonic, with that other Masonic Rite by which a Master Mason can advance in Masonry, and to bind him to seek the Chapter degrees in such a place as we shall designate seems an unwarranted assumption of power which does not strengthen us in this competition. The question is, is Royal Arch Masonry as easy of access to those who by their already attained Masonic standing are eligible to receive its degrees as it should

be? Then follows citation of isolated cases of inconvenience, caused by Brethren being unable to get to and from their nearest Chapter by trolley. Also of some Master Masons near Detroit yet who are nearer another Chapter outside of Detroit. The Grand High Priest then sagely observes.

"It would seem unnecessary to add that they will all finally be members of the Consistory in Detroit, a very good thing of itself but not especially beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry."

And we would beg leave to add, infinitely more beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry than is the abrogation of practically fundamental landmarks and changing organic law to meet isolated cases.

The Committee on Jurisprudence were equally divided on the recommendation, and so, in the absence of the third member, made no recommendation.

The whole matter of qualifications seems now to be relegated to the individual Chapters, which will have as many different standards as there are Chapters in the State. No more rigid requirements are apparently now in force than those of social clubs, each club fixing its own qualifications.

The Grand Lecturer makes a lengthy plea for the rewriting of the entire Ritual. We suppose that it ought to be done in order to bring it up to the modern ideas which seem to pervade Capitular Masonry, and so that it might successfully *compete* with other or similar organizations.

They are also considering the union of the Chapter and Council, as evidenced by the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That a Committee of three be appointed by the most Excellent Grand High Priest to meet with a like Committee appointed at

yesterday's session of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan to investigate the feasibility of the 'Texas Plan' so called; said committee to report at the next Annual Convocation."

The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Companions CHARLES COTTERELL, P. G. H. P., WILLIAM BROWN, H. P., W. SCOTT MUNN, H. P.

The Grand Secretary's report is a most complete document. It shows that there have been exalted within the year 1,238; a total membership of 20,683, a net gain during the year of 784; that the average membership of each Chapter is 138; that the largest Chapter has 1,052 members, and the smallest 18; that 25 Chapters show no exaltations during the past year, and 38 show a loss in membership.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER. He prefaces his report with an article written by Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Secretary of Illinois, on the "Royal Arch System."

Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review of three pages, and liberal extracts are made from Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM's address.

The volume has an excellent index.

Companion ELWIN F. BROWN, of Iron Mountain, Grand High Priest.

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, of Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MINNESOTA.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, October 10, 1911, with M. E. Companion JOHN T. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest, in the East, and all the officers of the Grand Chapter in their stations and places except the Grand Master of the Second Vail.

The G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, being present, was escorted to the East, and addressed the Companions. (M. E. Comp. KINGSLEY is a member of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, being a resident of Austin, Minn.)

The report of the Committee on Credentials showed sixteen Past Grand High Priests, four Past Deputy Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings and Representatives from fifty of the seventy-one subordinate Chapters. Quite a number of Representatives of foreign Jurisdictions were also present. Pennsylvania not represented.

The membership on September 1, 1910, was 8,081; exalted during the year 439; membership September, 1911, 8,289; net gain 218; fees and dues $4,427.70; disbursements $4,506,98; cash on hand $6,023.63; permanent investment $5,000.00.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address reports a number of Dispensations for the election and installation of officers; there were no Dispensations granted to ballot or confer degrees out of the required time.

On the subject of Grand Inspectors, he reports that the system of appointing the Grand Officers as Inspectors, which has been followed for eight or nine years, was continued with much benefit to the Jurisdiction, and yet he was constrained to say it is not entirely satisfactory. He refers to a committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to study this particular matter, and bespeaks a careful consideration of their report.

But three decisions are reported:

1st. That one subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction can grant a request for a Waiver of Jurisdiction to another subordinate Chapter of the same Grand Jurisdiction.

2d. That a Chapter cannot change the result of a ballot where a black ball appears and declare the petitioner elected.

3d. That a Chapter cannot receive and ballot on a petition the same evening. A very safe and sane decision in these times.

The most important matter before the Grand Chapter was the report of the Committee on Inspection of Chapters. Their report, which was adopted, recommended that a committee of five, called Custodians of the work, be appointed, one to serve for five, one for four, one for three, one for two and one for one year, and one to be appointed annually thereafter. It shall be the duty of this committee to hold a session of one day each year in St. Paul, before the meeting of the

Grand Chapter, and rehearse in detail the established work and lectures, each of them to have authority, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, to visit such Chapters as he may direct, give instruction, and hold schools at which the officers and members of a number of Chapters may attend.

That within sixty days after this Convocation the Board, with the consent of the Grand High Priest, shall divide the State into five Districts; that there shall be held in each District a school of instruction, under the general supervision of the Board, and under the particular charge of the Custodian in whose District it is. It is made the duty of each Chapter composing the group to attend said school of instruction, by its High Priest, or some one appointed by him. This Board of Custodians of the work must report in writing on or before October 1st of each year the work done during the year. It is made the duty of each Chapter to have its Representative present at the annual exemplification of the work in St. Paul.

There are many things in this system to commend it, and we believe it will tend to unifying the work in the Jurisdiction and to an awakened interest in the Chapter throughout the State. It has many features in common with the Pennsylvania system of District Deputy Grand High Priests, which has been very successful for many years.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that a Charter be granted to Wells Chap-

ter U. D.; they further recommended that the Charter of one of the subordinate Chapters be suspended.

A resolution was adopted that when a subordinate Chapter appoints a meeting for the conferring the Mark, Past Master or Most Excellent Master degrees, it shall not be necessary to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, but the Body may be opened in form in whatever degree or degrees are to be conferred.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion Irving Todd. In a review of sixty pages he compresses much valuable information, mostly statistical, gleaned from the Proceedings of many Sister Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is fraternally noted.

M. E. Companion James G. Houghton, of Minneapolis, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion John Fishel, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Companion Irving Todd, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next meeting of the Grand Chapter in St. Paul on the second Tuesday of October, 1912.

J. M. C.

MISSOURI.

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held in the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City, April 25, 1911.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Ritualistic Form,* all joining in singing the hymn, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by prayer by Companion Rev. William Atwood.

The Grand High Priest read and submitted the report of his official actions during the year; he says, in opening:

"We have gathered today on this great camping ground at the mouth of the Kaw to hold our Annual Convocation. Like the Indians, most of us have been away engaged in the chase, hunting the American dollar instead of the buffalo; pursuing our game with relentless determination and exhibiting powers of endurance that would put to shame the mightiest chief that ever roamed the forest. We have returned, however, to hold our annual pow wow and plan new and greater campaigns for the future."

He reports peace and harmony throughout that great Jurisdiction, so much so that "no decisions are reported, none having been required." The year 1910 is the banner year in point of exaltations, having to its credit 1,175. Of the 107 Chapters in the Jurisdiction, 28 suffered a loss, 14 remained stationary, and 65 show an increase.

The Grand High Priest granted few Dispensations, none of which were to ballot or confer degrees out of time; he, however, refused to grant two Dispensations asked for to reballot on candidates whose petitions had been rejected. He sets forth his reasons therefor at length, closing with the statement:

"Balloting on a candidate is a serious and important matter and the Companions should thoroughly understand that what they do at that time is irrevocable, at least, until after the expiration of the required period."

Most sensible and Masonic advice. It is really re-

freshing to find Grand High Priests maintaining the dignity of the fraternity instead of "competing" with similar and other organizations for "material."

The Grand High Priest notes the fact that not one of the questions submitted to him was so complex or difficult that it would not have been readily answered by a moment's glance at the By-Laws. It may be an iridescent dream, but it does seem to us that if High Priests-elect were required to show a reasonable knowledge of the Edicts and Constitution of the Grand Chapter and an intimate knowledge of the By-Laws of their own Chapter, which they each obligate themselves to see strictly enforced, as well as a complete knowledge of the Ritual, it would not only make the pathway of the Grand High Priest much smoother, but would elevate the whole Craft and prevent many embarrassing situations.

The Grand High Priest reads a good lecture on "Invasion of Jurisdiction," where practically dormant Chapters refuse consent to live Chapters to receive petitions from candidates within their "Jurisdiction" and do not qualify themselves to do the work. The necessity for severe discipline is plainly indicated by such a course. It seems the Grand Chapter of Missouri had something of that kind in mind as they recalled one Charter, recommended that another be recalled, and gave two Chapters sixty days in which to purge themselves of disobedience.

The report of the Masonic Home shows it to be a wonderful institution; the Grand Chapter of Missouri

has since 1887 contributed $33,009.00 to this great cause. The Home up to date has reecived from all sources $311,253.49, of which amount $121,253.49 is a permanent endowment fund.

The whole address of the Grand High Priest is one of the most concise statements of the condition of the Craft which it has been our pleasure to read. We are pleased to note that the Grand Chapter unanimously approved it.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion JOHN HENDERSON MILLER; like the writer of this portion of Pennsylvania's report, it is his "second." He reviews very succinctly sixty Grand Chapters in ninety-seven pages. Evidently he has burned some midnight oil to compress so comprehensive a review within such modest bounds.

There are many other good things in the Proceedings which we would like to note, particularly the address of Past Grand High Priest Comp. DAVID M. WILSON delivered at the laying of the corner-stone of the Home Infirmary (one of the branches of their splendid Masonic Home at St. Louis), but time and space forbid.

Companion AUSTIN L. MCREA, Grand High Priest.

Companion ROBERT F. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi was held at Gulfport on Thursday, February 23, 1911.

Out of seventy-three Chapters, sixty-five were represented. There were eight Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania was not represented.

The volume of the Proceedings is an excellently prepared document, ornamented with a half-tone portrait of Companion GEORGE B. POWER, the new Grand High Priest, and a picture of W. H. WHITAKER, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand High Priest in his address reports the granting of five special Dispensations to ballot out of time and confer the degrees on nineteen different candidates. This is in strong contrast with the policy of his predecessor, who, if we remember correctly, said: "I have declined to grant these special Dispensations for the reason that Capitular Masonry would not be benefited." One Dispensation was granted to open a new Chapter at Charleston, Miss. A new Chapter was instituted at Eupora, being No. 131.

The Grand High Priest reports official visitations to twenty-one Chapters during the year, at some of which he regrets to say there was not the constitutional number in attendance. He reports the Masonic Home in a flourishing condition, it having taken care of thirty-five boys and girls during the year, and furnished those of school age with the advantages of the free school at Meridian, where the home is located. Three schools of instruction of three days each were held during the year at Grenada, Hattiesburg and Jackson, respectively. Two of these he reports as having been very successful,

while the one held at Grenada seems to have been somewhat of a frost.

The Grand Lecturer, who seems to be the live wire of the Grand Chapter, reports that he visited and lectured at the following Chapters and Councils during the past year: (Here follows a detailed list of the visitations to the various Chapters.)

It seems that the Grand Chapter and Grand Council employ the same Grand Lecturer and apportion the expenses. His report shows that he traveled between six and seven thousand miles during the year. He reports different excuses for the failure to obtain a sufficient number of Companions to open a Chapter at various places: At one it was too cold; at one it was too wet; at another it was too hot; at another the Grand Lodge of Pythians was in session, and at still another there was a revival service in progress. The Grand Lecturer does not give a very flattering report of the efficiency of the Chapters. He says:

"Several Chapters can do the work fairly well with assistance. Many cannot do their work at all without assistance. I find in several Chapters that two or three do the work, filling several stations each."

He recommended that those Chapters who do not take enough interest in the work and lectures to attend the meeting during the Grand Lecturer's visit be dropped from the list of his visits in itinerary until they shall render to the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter a reasonable excuse for not doing it.

The Committee on Capitular Law reported a number of decisions, among which we note the following:

"Does the Royal Arch Chapter hold perpetual Jurisdiction over rejected

material. Answer—Yes. Same as Blue Lodge. (This coincides with Pennsylvania.)

"Can the Royal Arch Chapter be called from Labor to Refreshment and the work be resumed at a specified time? The Chapter cannot be called from Labor to Refreshment indefinitely or at the will and pleasure of the High Priest. When the work of the stated Convocation has been finished the Chapter must be closed."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion O. L. McKay. It is his second report, in which he concisely reviews fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for 1909 receives three pages. He quotes with approval the decision that a Companion who cannot do the work cannot be installed High Priest, saying:

"This should be the rule in all Jurisdictions. He quotes liberally from M. E. Grand High Priest Sundstrom's address. In noting the decision declaring null and void the action of a Chapter in receiving and acting on a petition and conferring the M. M. degree on one who had not received the P. M. degree either by Dispensation or election he says 'he is a M. M. all right.' Well now you have another guess. He is not an M. M. at all. The degree of P. M. is entirely under the control of the Blue Lodge and is always conferred therein, either by virtue of an election or a Dispensation for that purpose first had. When the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania surrendered control of the Royal Arch degree to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, it expressely retained control of the P. M. degree. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania never had control of it and it is never conferred in any Chapter under its Jurisdiction. One of the requirements of a candidate for Capitular degrees is that he is a P. M. by service or Dispensation. The candidate in this case is in the same position as if any of the other requirements had been violated in receiving and acting on his petition."

In explanation of the decision that a Chapter cannot receive and act on a third petition from a candidate without permission first being had, which does not seem clear to the correspondent, we would say that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania provides that a candidate twice rejected, if he wishes to try

again, must present a petition to the Chapter praying for permission to present a third petition. This petition takes the same course as to notice to members, etc., as an original petition, and is ballotted on in the same manner. If this permission is granted he is at liberty to present a third petition, which takes the usual course. If permission is refused it practically ends the matter.

Much approbation is expressed at the remarks of the Grand High Priest on "electioneering." He also goes us one better, and opines that "rotation in office" might also be sent to the scrap heap with much benefit to Capitular Masonry. Well, maybe you are right, but if we would be more careful in the selection of our timber to fill the lower offices, the drill and discipline which they get in going through the Chairs form a pretty complete school to fit them to fill the last.

Companion GEORGE B. POWER, Grand High Priest.

Companion FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Secretary.

Note:—We have learned from another source that the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, and, indeed, the whole Masonic world, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of FREDERIC SPEED, their Grand Secretary. May He who noteth even the sparrow's fall, in His own good way raise up those in Mississippi who shall take the Companion's place. J. M. C.

MONTANA.

The Grand Jurisdiction is now of mature age, it having held its Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Helena,

September 20, 1910. Sixteen out of seventeen subordinate Chapters were represented, and eleven Past Grand High Priests were present.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest, Companion MAURICE A. WALKER, is a most excellent document. He takes a fall out of the General Grand Chapter in these words:

"With the exception of recommending a uniform Ritual which has been adopted by about twenty of its adherents it seems to me that the General Grand Chapter is and has been of very little use to Capitular Masonry. While it is true that we recognize its authority by our Constitution, and in the obligation by our officers, still it has no real power, as it is unable to enforce any decision that it may make as between Grand Chapters under its sway. The General Grand Chapter very early in its history thoroughly emasculated itself, expressly declaring in its Constitution that it 'has no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters.' Thus we seem to be in the anomalous position of recognizing the authority of a body which itself says it has none."

Four Dispensations were granted, one to change the time of holding an election, and three for new Chapters. (To one of these Chapters the Grand Chapter granted a Charter, and the Dispensations of the other two were continued until the next Annual Convocation.)

Two decisions were made, one that it was not necessary for a Chapter to have official sanction to move from one building to another in the same town, and the other that a Chapter could not confer a life membership on one of its members who had rendered valuable and unrewarded services to it and to the Craft in the supervision and construction of their new Temple.

The Grand High Priest writes a charming report of

his visitations to subordinate Chapters. He certainly gives such an accurate photograph of each Chapter visited that every one reading it can almost see what was done and what was omitted. He makes a thorough report on the books, finances, furniture, paraphernalia, hall, work and personnel of each Chapter visited.

Among the recommendations was one (4), That all candidates before they receive the Royal Arch degree must pass an examination in open Chapter on the work of the preceding degrees, the extent of such examination to be specified by the committee. This most wholesome recommendation was turned down by the Committee on Jurisprudence. Never mind, Companion WALKER, the committee will catch up with you by and by. You are simply in advance of your Grand Chapter, that is all.

He recommends the rescinding of the resolution passed at the Fourth Annual Convocation, which prohibited the exchanging of Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters. This recommendation was adopted, and Montana will now exchange Grand Representatives with all recognized Grand Chapters.

The Grand Secretary's report is rather voluminous, containing a complete roster of all the individual members of subordinate Chapters, a matter that would be very cumbersome in large Jurisdictions. We gather from the condensed reports that 150 were advanced, 152 passed to the Chair, 157 received and 157 exalted during the year, 30 were admitted and 39 dimitted, 19 died, 12 were suspended for non-payment of dues and 8 for non-affiliation with Lodge, 2 were reinstated and 2

rejected. Total membership, 1910, 1,658, a net gain of 149; the dues and fees to the Grand Chapter were $1,884.00. Master Masons in the Jurisdiction 5,997, Royal Arch Masons 1,658, Knights Templar 995.

The "Report on Capitular Correspondence" is by Companion Cornelius Hedges, Jr., is his second, and is a very readable paper. He says:

"We have endeavored to prepare our report for home consumption and to narrate the items of interest in each proceedings that it seemed to us would be acceptable to our Montana Companions."

We hope that every Companion in Montana has read the whole Proceedings with as much care as we have, for it would surely do them good. In speaking of the growing objection to granting Dispensations to hasten the work, he well says:

"There are some things that cannot be expedited; and if there is too much haste in making them available it depreciates them in the minds of the recipients. We think this applies to the frequent granting of such special Dispensations. As one Grand High Priest says 'the duty of a Grand High Priest is to obey the law, not to set it aside.'"

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, being accorded three pages; a number of decisions and edicts are quoted without comment. He says that he has read recently in a periodical that the wearing of a crown was part of the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason in Pennsylvania, and is curious to know if that is the case. We reply: It is now, ever has been, and (we hope) ever shall be a part of a Royal Arch Mason's clothing in Pennsylvania.

M. E. Henry J. Ramsford, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska assembled in its Forty-fourth Annual Convocation in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 14, A. I. 2440, A. D. 1910, there being present M. E. JULIUS J. WILSON, Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a thoughtful one, fully setting forth the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska. I quote as follows:

"What are our public ideals? Have we any? Are we so individualistic that the nation, the public, mankind at large, has no existence? Is our influence for the world's best interest and advancement to be felt outside of the Chapter rooms? Can we point with pride to achievements as we ought? Do we view with alarm as behooves us, the disposition to seek the almighty dollar with that greed which isolates us from Masonic principles? Have extravagance, dissipation, and idleness taken such hold upon us that the insatiable greed for gold has gotten the better of every other consideration and every order of men? Let each one answer for himself. But before becoming settled in your convictions be pleased to remember the part which you have taken as members of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction in connection with the Masonic Home; of our hope for its future; of its results in the past; of our relationship and influence for good with neighboring and foreign Jurisdictions; of the annual reunion of this Grand Body, bringing with it that halo of joyous greeting, that silver chord of friendship which reaches the golden fountain of the Brotherhood of Man and lets loose the diamond clasp of loyal hearts."

Certain By-Laws concerning exemption from payment of dues, as follows:

"Any member upon being exalted, paying the sum of fifty dollars, shall be considered forever exempt from the payment of all dues.

"Any member in good standing, having paid dues to the amount of fifty dollars, shall be entitled to exemption from dues as above; pro-

vided, that the total amount of dues paid by each member to this Chapter be deducted from said amount of fifty dollars, and upon payment of the balance, he shall be entitled to exemption from dues as provided above.

"Each member exempt from dues shall be furnished with a suitable certificate over the seal of the Chapter and the signature of the High Priest, Treasurer and Secretary."

Did not meet with his approval.

"While that part of this section which relates to the payment of fifty dollars upon being exalted appealed to me as the least objectionable, because this amount, if placed at a reasonable interest, would secure to the chapter an income equal to what the dues might be, and while the payment of the fifty dollars was left wholly at the option of the Companion so exalted, yet I considered this clause unfair to the Companion inasmuch as it requires him to forever remain a member of the Chapter exalting him, or to pay dues to some other Chapter should he join one.

"My objection to the remainder of this section was because I considered it unfair to these Chapters; inasmuch as it would immediately exempt some, and by a small payment perhaps, exempt many others, and the payment of Grand Chapter dues for all who thereby became exempt, would have to be met from the funds in the treasury of these Chapters. My idea is, that Masonry never contemplated taking into its fold that class of members who are to be benefited and after a length of time, be retired—as it were—on a pension contributed by other, possibly older members. A Mason who is able ought always to pay dues, thereby contributing or helping to secure a fund that is always at hand for the relief of the worthy distressed.

The Grand Chapter sustained the opinion of the Grand High Priest:

"The question of exemption from the payment of Chapter dues was called up, and Past Grand High Priest Davidson moved that the recommendation of the Grand High Priest be approved. After a full discussion the motion was adopted. The recommendation is as follows:

" 'That all Chapters be forbidden to enact laws exempting anyone from the payment of dues, and that all such laws as are now in existence be repealed.' "

The Grand Secretary reported, in part:

"Number of chartered Chapters			56
Number of extinct Chapters			3
Number of Chapters U. D.			0
Total			59
Number advanced	285		
Number passed	297		
Number received and acknowledged	291		
Number exalted		299	
Number admitted		44	
Number reinstated		33	
Number gained by other causes		2	
Gain			378
Number dimitted		88	
Number deceased		73	
Number suspended		48	
Number expelled		1	
Loss			210
Net gain			168
Number of Royal Arch Masons, November 1, 1909			4,242
Number of Royal Arch Masons, November 1, 1910			4,410"

The report of the Grand Lecturer speaks for itself, and shows an admirable state of affairs:

"REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

"To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter:

"I submit herewith my report as Grand Lecturer for the year ending December 14, 1910. During the year I was not called upon to visit any Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction; hence no official visits were made. Our efficient Grand High Priest has cared so well for the Craft that but little was required of the Grand Lecturer. The High Priests and officers of the several Chapters are so proficient in the work that the services of the Grand Lecturer do not seem necessary. All the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction are supplied with the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and if this is followed, the work is correctly given. No calls have been made for new Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction, and there were none to constitute, hence my labors have been reduced to a minimum."

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Companion George S. Powell, 1.....Grand High Priest.
Companion John Harper, 30.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
Companion Benjamin F. Pitman, 48.....Grand King.
Companion James Tyler, 6.....Grand Scribe.
Companion Lucius D. Richards, 8.....Grand Treasurer.
Companion Francis E. White, 3.....Grand Secretary.

"An addenda to the Law of Royal Arch Masonry, including approved decisions and amendments regularly adopted since the publication of the Law of 1906," is given. This is a very valuable source of knowledge to the Royal Craft in Nebraska—a sort of digest. I give a few of these Laws:

"All cases relating to dealing in intoxicating liquors are governed by the law of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska. Decision of Grand High Priest, 1907, page 715."

"A secret ballot is not necessary to dispose of objections referred to in paragraph 1, Chapter 109, Law of Royal Arch Masonry. If two-thirds of the members of a Chapter present vote in the usual manner in favor of over-ruling an objection that has been made after the Mark Master degree has been conferred upon a candidate, the Chapter can proceed to confer the remaining degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. Decision of Deputy Grand High Priest. 1908—12."

The Committee on Correspondence, Comp. Charles J. Phelps, Chairman, reviews very ably the Proceedings of Pennsylvania.

G. H.

NEVADA.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada was held in the Masonic Temple at Reno, June 12, 1911.

The Proceedings come to us in a neat pamphlet, embellished with half-tone picture of Comp. THEO. J. STEINMETZ, Grand High Priest, as a frontispiece.

Seven Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest's address is a business-like document dealing with purely local affairs. No decisions are reported. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified before the Grand Chapter in the evening by Reno Chapter, No. 7.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion GEORGE GILKINSON. He explains that, after the regular correspondent had written the report covering fifteen Jurisdictions, his copy was destroyed; the work was then committed to Companion GILKINSON, who reviews some forty Jurisdictions, but Pennsylvania is among "the lost."

M. E. Companion HENRY W. MILES, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GEORGE GILKINSON, Grand Sec'y.

J. M. C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 16, 1911, with all the officers present, ten Past Grand High Priests, Representatives from twenty-one (out of twenty-six) subordinate Chapters and the

Representatives from twenty-eight Grand Chapters; Pennsylvania was not among those represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest dealt entirely with local matters; no decisions of other than purely local interest were made during the year.

The specter of a correct Ritual seems to be present in this Grand Jurisdiction as well as others, the Grand High Priest saying:

"The matter of one correct Ritual which should be kept by the Grand Secretary and be accessible to any High Priest has never yet been accomplished. I recommend that some definite action be taken regarding the same."

We are unable to find from the Proceedings whether or not the Grand Chapter took heed to the mild request of the Grand High Priest in so important a matter; better have the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire decide what is and what is not correct ritualistic work within its Jurisdiction. If this is not definitely settled by proper authority there will be as many different forms of initiation as there are Chapters.

The Committee on Chapters and Returns show twenty-six Chapters, all of which made returns and twenty-one of which were represented at the Annual Convocation. There is a total membership of 4,315, being a net increase of 78 over last year. There were 193 exaltations during the year. The report contains a complete roster of the membership of each subordinate Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Companion J. L. Seward, and com-

prises a review of the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions (a number of them covering the proceedings for two years), and covers 196 pages. For Pennsylvania he says:

"The proceedings for 1910 did not reach our desk until this report had been finished. * * * It shall receive our attention next year."

Companion SEWARD in his conclusion draws some inferences with which we cannot quite agree. In speaking of Masonic duties he says:

"No mason, in any branch of the Fraternity should shirk his duty. To pass through Lodges and Chapters only to become Knight Templars and Shriners, then to dimit from the so-called (though improperly designated) lower bodies, to shirk dues, while still retaining the privilege of the entertainment of the Chivalric grades, and the fun of the Shrine is selfish."

This is exactly what a member, who is selfish enough to desire such a thing, cannot do. Title xxxv, Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, provides as follows:

"Section 1.—Hereafter voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter for six months shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in the Commandery."

I am moved to call attention to this plain Law of the Grand Encampment because this accusation is frequently made. Now, if a man, after taking all the degrees in the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, prefers to devote his time and energies to one of the Bodies to the exclusion of the others, it is a right which he has and for the exercise of which he should not be censured any more than if he did not choose to join at all. If the Chapter is unable to hold its ground against the other Masonic Bodies, we do not think the other Bodies should be censured, but rather should an addi-

tional effort be made to maintain the Chapter. It is a survival of the fittest, and no amount of censure, scolding or fault-finding of other Bodies or laudation of the excellence of the Chapter will change the matter.

The correspondent also seems to be annoyed at the physical qualifications required of candidates for the Capitular degrees. Pennsylvania's position on this question is so well established that it gives us no trouble. We simply adhere strictly to the "Ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry" as we have received them from those who have preceded us, and we hope to transmit them unimpaired to those who shall come after us. It may be unfortunate that some, by the accident of birth, or otherwise, are disqualified; but Masonry is in no wise responsible therefor. Whenever we begin to remove the landmarks, then have we opened the crevasse in the levee, through which eventually will pour all the modern innovations and the fraternity become no more than any other modern social and fraternal organization.

He quotes with approval the decision from Illinois that the loss of the left hand does not disqualify the applicant. Well, we would inquire, would the loss of both hands? The applicant would still be as good a man morally, etc. Such decisions will soon obliterate all physical qualifications whatever.

In his review of Georgia he criticizes somewhat the action of the Grand Chapter in amending their Constitution so as to allow subordinate Chapters the discretion of remitting the fees of ministers of the Gospel:

"It is true that they (Ministers) often have a very hard time to get a living, but is not that true of hundreds of other men in all departments of life? To the majority of persons getting a living is a very hard struggle, involving much anxiety and many sleepless nights. While some Ministers are hard pressed, yet that is true of hundreds and thousands of others."

We are very much inclined to agree with the Companion's views. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania does not allow the remission of the initiation fee directly or indirectly.

M. E. Companion JOHN LYNCH, Grand High Priest.

R. E. HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey was held in the rooms of Three-Times-Three Chapter, No. 5, Trenton, May 10, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M. E. Companion DAN'L L. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

It being announced that Companions A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Grand High Priest, and Jos. G. QUINBY, Grand Marshal of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, were in waiting, these distinguished Companions were introduced by M. E. Companion

HENRY S. HAINES, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near that of New Jersey, were received by the Grand High Priest with appropriate salutation, and responded pleasantly.

The M. E. Grand High Priest's report is mainly taken up with matters concerning the Royal Craft in New Jersey. He reports that, though called upon to grant quite a number of Dispensations, none were for "frivolous or improper purposes." Concerning the Ritual, he recommends that an exemplification of the degrees be made before the Grand Chapter at a Special Convocation to be called for that purpose. I give his two decisions:

"I have had but few questions presented to me for my decision, and most of these were answered by referring to the general regulations and decisions already approved by the Grand Chapter.

"On November 17, 1910, Goodwin Chapter, No. 36, presented the question whether they must first ballot on the applicaton of a Royal Arch Mason who applied for affiliation and presented his dimit (but who was not vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason), and after his election examine him.

"It is difficult to understand how the Companions recommending the alleged Companion could do so without knowing that he was a Royal Arch Mason.

"I notified Goodwin Chapter that they must be satisfied that the Companion applying was a Royal Arch Mason, and the person named in the dimit presented, before a ballot could be taken.

"On February 18, 1911, the M. E. High Priest of Orange Chapter, No. 29, having submitted to me for decision a question which was causing some little unpleasantness in his Chapter, I decided:

"A Chapter, whose By-Laws provide that 'a standing committee shall be appointed annually by the High Priest, whose duty it shall be to act as a Finance Committee and * * *audit all bills which may be referred to them by the Chapter,' is not conclusively bound by the action of such Committee, but may refuse to concur in their report, and, by a majority vote, order a bill paid, some of the items of which the committee rejected."

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN NEW JERSEY.

Number of members last reported		6,102
Exalted during the year		475
Reinstated during the year		17
Affiliated during the year		17
Total		6,611
Dimited during the year	43	
Died during the year	77	
Suspended during the year	84	
		204
Total membership		6,407
Net gain		305

His conclusions show that peace and harmony prevail in the Jurisdiction of New Jersey:

"I was elected to preside over a united and harmonious organization, and I am proud to say that nothing has occurred during the year to disturb that peace and harmony.

"Royal Arch Masonry is rapidly gaining in strength throughout the State, and we, who love it because we understand and appreciate its exalted mission, can never regret any labor which may help its advancement.

"Companions, I thank you for the honor you conferred on me a year ago. To have been your High Priest proved to be not only an honor, but a great and distinguished pleasure and an experience to be fondly remembered throughout my life."

The Grand Lecturer reported as follows:

BURLINGTON, N. J., May 10, 1911.

"To Daniel L. Campbell, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of New Jersey.

"MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION—The congenial labors incident to the duties assigned to me by your courteous consideration have been performed as fully as ability and opportunity have permitted, and I am gratified to report decided progress in the acquisition and proper rendition of the Ritual work by the officers of Chapters.

The diligent endeavors of the Assistant Lecturers have been met with a higher appreciation than ever before, and have produced results which a decade ago would be beyond reasonable anticipation.

The watchful care of the Ritual Committee, who were present at every exemplification of the work, has done much to aid in maintaining its uniformity, and deserves the thoughtful recognition of the Craft.

It is to be regretted that no opportunity has been found for the formal presentation of the work upon the floor of the Grand Chapter and it is hoped that some means may be devised to bring this about.

I am convinced by my observation of the condition of the work in other jurisdictions, that New Jersey is second to none in her methods of preserving and imparting the Ritual and its traditional observances, and that the Companions are rendering more and more fully their willing and efficient aid to the accomplishment of this desirable end."

The report of Committee on Doings of Grand Officers is, in part:

"Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, observing from their respective reports evidence of a prosperous and successful year in Capitular affairs, again heartily congratulate the Royal Craft of New Jersey upon the lofty position they are enabled to occupy in the eyes of the Masonic world, through the ministry of its faithful officers and their own conception of what is wise and just.

"We are once more able to call attention to the fact that no special indulgences for breach of established law have been granted or sought, and again express the hope that this distinction will ever continue to be the portion of New Jersey, proud as she has ever been of her reputation for wise conservatism.

"We are glad to acknowledge the true Masonic spirit, and the sound judgments which have characterized the administration of our honored chief, now about to relinquish the sceptre of authority, and shall continue to look with love and veneration to such as he for the upholding of the noblest and highest ideals of the fraternity."

The labor was resumed at two-thirty P. M., when the Committee on Constitutions presented the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:

"*To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey:*

"Your Committee on Constitutions respectfully reports:

"*First.* In approving the Dispensation granted by the M. E. G. H. P. to No. 10, to open their Chapter at an earlier hour than stated in their

By-Laws, that we must regard such Dispensation as referring to a special and not a regular convocation, even though no business was allowed to be transacted at the earlier hour, in order not to conflict with existing By-Laws.

"*Second.* We approve amending the By-Laws of No. 7 to increase their initiation fee.

"*Third.* Referring to the inquiry from No. 26, we approve the requirement that a dimitted applicant shall be vouched for before a ballot can be taken.

"*Fourth.* We approve the decision regarding the Finance Committee of No. 23.

"*Fifth.* We approve of the recommendation that the Treasurer and Secretary and the Trustees be required to give approved bonds as speedily as possible, the premiums for which shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. Furthermore, that neither the Secretary nor Treasurer shall be eligible to the office of Trustee. Furthermore, that all collections made by the Grand Secretary shall be immediately turned over to the Grand Treasurer and all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter and in possession of any Grand Officer, whenever the same shall come into his or their hands, shall be held in trust, separate and distinct, and that he or they shall in no case make any use of such funds for any other purpose whatsoever.

"*Sixth.* Referring to that portion of this Committee's report of last year, which was recommitted, we now report that we find the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and the decisions of this Grand Chapter upon the subject to be as follows:

" 'Section 7, Constitution of General Grand Chapter:

" 'The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers by implication merely, and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and subordinate Chapters of the several States."

Election of Officers.

The Grand Body then proceeded with the election of officers. M. E. Companion James S. Ware was appointed as judge, and E. Companions Richard C.

Woodward and John B. Bertholf as tellers. The votes being cast, the results were announced as follows:

Companion	Ralph R. Eichlin	No. 7,	Grand High Priest.
"	Abram A. Reger	" 25,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	Lorenzo D. Sanborn	" 9,	Grand King.
"	Robert A. Meeker	" 24,	Grand Scribe.
"	Edward Mills	" 19,	Grand Treasurer.
"	Peter McGill	" 13,	Grand Secretary.
"	Fred. J. Melvin	" 39,	Grand Captain of the Host.
"	Fred. T. Crane	" 23,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
"	Wm. Herbert Lowe	" 3,	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
"	Daniel A. Campbell	" 33,	Trustees.
"	Nelson Y. Dungan	" 25,	
"	Joseph Mason	" 33,	

I have contented myself in presenting such matters as might be of interest to the Craft in Pennsylvania concerning Royal Arch Masonry in New Jersey. Pennsylvania is fully reviewed by Comp. Henry S. Haines.

G. H.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Grand Chapter held four meetings during the year 1910, at which were reported, through an officer termed the Grand Inspector, the workings of the Craft. His official visits showed a *good condition* of affairs. The Grand Principal's address at the Quarterly Convocation held May 11, 1910, contains the recommendation

"That the time has arrived when it is desirable that the degree of a Mark Master Mason be included in the Ritual under the Jurisdiction of this Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that the Book of Constitution be so amended as to carry this resolution into effect."

After some debate as to the constitutionality of such an action, it was negatived by the Grand Chapter. Of course the Companions of New South Wales are supposed to understand their business, but it seems to a looker-on that the Grand Principal had statesmanship to realize that so important a degree as the Mark degree ought to be included in the Chapter. The time has gone by for separate Mark Lodges, free from the Jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter.

The Secretary reported: Number of Chapters, 14; number of members, no report; assets, $1,200.

M. E. Companion A. P. Gribben, Grand First Principal, solemnly installed the Grand Principals-elect into their respective offices, *viz.:*

M. E. Comp. H. Montgomerie-Hamilton, Grand Z.
" " W. B. Doust, Grand H.
" " J. G. Moon, Grand J.

The Grand Principals were proclaimed and saluted in the E. and W.

The Grand Chapter Officers-elect were presented and invested with the insignia of their respective offices.

G. H.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Grand Lodge met semi-annually, Monday, May 30, 1910, and Tuesday, November 29, 1910. I give part of the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings:

"*The V. W. the President of the General Board.*

"Dear Sir and V. W. Brother: In presenting the concluding report for the current year, it is but fair, in the first place, to express my apprecia-

tion of the cordial welcome afforded by Lodges inspected, and to tender apologies to Lodges in the Metropolitan area which have not been visited, such omission being due not to neglect on my part, but to business engagements synchronising with their times of regular meeting.

"In addition to most of the Metropolitan Lodges, visits have been paid in attendance on the M. W. Grand Master to Maitland and Wickham Lodges, on the occasion of their installations.

"As it is the duty of my office to observe and report, it is with pleasure that I have to report that the working of the Lodges visited is, on the whole, satisfactory. There is, however, a tendency amongst some officers of Lodges to make constant reference to their printed Rituals during degree work; this, no doubt insures accuracy, but is not calculated to favorably impress candidates. The Ritual is not lengthy or difficult to commit to memory, therefore the practice referred to should be discountenanced by Worshipful Masters, both by precept and example.

"I have also observed that occasionally a visiting Private Lodge when in regalia, is announced to the private Lodge visited by an 'alarm.' As this is the mode of announcing an 'official visit,' that is, a visit made by virtue of office and authority, so an 'alarm' should be reserved for a visit of Grand Lodge or its accredited representative, the visits of private Lodges being in no sense 'official,' but merely 'fraternal.' I recommend that directions be given to Worshipful Masters of private Lodges to instruct their Tylers to this effect."

Number of Mark Lodges, 18; no list of members given; assets about $1,400.

Officers for 1910-11:

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. F. H. Mackensie.

Grand Register, V. W. Bro. H. Montgomerie-Hamilton.

G. H.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in the Masonic Tem-

ple, on the northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street, in the city of Albany, commencing on Tuesday, February 7th, Anno Inventionis 2441, Anno Domini 1911, at ten o'clock A. M., 14 G. H. P's and the Representatives of 205 of the 206 subordinate Chapters being present.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* and with prayer offered by the Grand Chaplain at the Altar.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed and accorded the Grand Honors.

R. E. EMANUEL LOWENSTEIN, G. R. from North Dakota and Dean of the Class, responded to the G. H. P.'s address of welcome, as follows:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

"On behalf and in the name of these, my Companions, I thank you for your hearty welcome and greeting. You find here before you the representatives of many Grand Chapters from all parts of the world; we come from the East and from the West, from the North and the South, and all in unison and in harmony. There is no human organization upon the globe that ever has or ever will harmonize in one body as many elements which are in external conflict as the Masonic Fraternity. Its wise founders organized it upon a few simple but cardinal landmarks, which command the approbation and lay fast hold upon the affection of its initiates, and which furnish no grounds of controversy, admit of no improvements and tolerate no change. The laws of Masonry are as fixed, immutable and eternal as the laws of mathematics.

"The old Patriarch Enoch inscribed them upon a pillar of stone, and transmitted them through the mighty floods. Noah taught them to his sons upon the summit of the sacred mountain upon which his ark rested. Moses learned them from the old priests on the banks of the Nile. The men of Gebal carved them on the rock ribs of the Mediterranean Sea. Solomon and the two Hirams collected them in a brief code at Jerusalem, and the builders and rebuilders of the Temple spread them over the globe, and they were transmitted to us in legendary lines.

"Even as God is older than the universe wrought by His wish, so are the fundamental principles of Masonry even older than the institution itself.

Truth is older than the Bible, sin older than Adam, religion older than Abram, tyranny older than Pharaoh, strength older than Sampson, music is older than David the sweet singer of Israel, wisdom is older than Solomon, suffering older than Job or Jesus; thus Freemasonry is a concrete embodiment of ancient, aye! eternal principles, coeval with time itself.

"The genius and the great merit of Masonry rests much upon having brought to the understanding of the simplest and the lowliest mind the creed of divine doing, of everlasting truth. Rivaling no religion, battling with no belief, clashing with no creed, Masonry has been the electric master expositor and demonstrator of the humanitarian teachings cherished by all faiths and sacred to all sects, respected even by its opponents.

"And now, brethren, let us appreciate and be grateful for the precious heritage we have received from the fathers, and, by the daily application in our lives, of these eternal truths and tenets, show that we are worthy of bearing the proud name of a Freemason.

"Most Excellent Sir and Companions, again I thank you personally and for all these Companions here assembled."

Visitors from the other Grand Jurisdictions were then received.

The Grand High Priest, in welcoming the visitors from Pennsylvania, said:

Companions:

"I do not know how to express my gratification upon seeing you in the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. It has been my ambition for some time to meet and become familiarly acquainted with the Grand High Priest and his associate officers of the State of Pennsylvania. I have had during my short term in office a great deal of correspondence with your illustrious predecessor, and it was so cordial and contained so many friendly expessions of a fraternal character that I almost felt as if I were acquainted with him, although I have never seen his face. As I have mentioned upon the reception of one other Grand Officer today, the Grand Body of the State of New York is trying to cultivate a personal acquaintance with its sister jurisdictions, especially with those which are in close touch with our Grand Jurisdiction. We are neighbors. There is only an imaginary line which separates the States of Pennsylvania and New York. Today we are very much gratified upon receiving an official visit from the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, and especially in receiving the Grand High Priest of that Grand Jurisdiction."

The Companions were escorted to the East, received

with the Grand Honors, and M. E. Companion SMITH made the following response to the Grand High Priest's address of welcome:

Most Excellent High Priest:

"The Grand Jurisdiction of the great Keystone State of Pennsylvania sends greetings from its Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter to the Grand Jurisdiction of the greater Empire State of New York. You have somewhat disturbed me with your kind words, and I scarcely know how to express myself in return. Your invitation was exceedingly courteous and couched in such fraternal language that I was weak and accepted the invitation at some personal sacrifice, but I am indeed glad to be in your presence at this hour. It has been my privilege to know something of the first Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, I have read with a great deal of interest not only of him as a Mason and a Royal Arch Mason but of his civic life. As Governor he did not lose his interest in the Royal Craft, but conferred an honor on this Grand Body. I am also familiar with another distinguished member's history, Thomas Smith Webb. (His mother must have been a Smith.) I know that he is generally recognized as the father of Freemasonry and the Royal Arch Degrees. On Friday evening last I visited Chapter 52 (which is older than its number indicates), and its records show that Thomas Smith Webb received the Royal Arch Degree in that Chapter while he was a sojourner in Philadelphia. So we have some interest in that which interests you. I am almost afraid to speak at further length as I might say something wrong, for I was treated so royally and cordially since I came among you. On the way up I received a new degree. The good fellowship that prevails and the kindly interest shown me touched me deeply. The one to whom the greatest tribute should be paid is Right Excellent E. A. Kraussman, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New York, who never left my side, except when he got hungry and I did not. I had everything I needed and a little more. I return my thanks for the very kind attention he has given me. The good-fellowship which was expressed indicates that love about which we are taught in the degrees of the Chapter, which prompts a man not merely to the exercise of charity as we companions understand it, but that feeling of sympathy and kindly regard that goes out to the brethren and brings out that tender sympathetic side of the human nature which makes him a better man. Unless we endeavor to practice the teachings of the Capitular degrees we have not lived up to the highest privileges as we ought to. I understand full well that the honors which have been paid to me are not to be taken personally, but are intended for the Grand Chapter which I have the honor to represent. I assure you the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter fully appreciates that honor, and I trust the friendly

feeling will grow stronger and stronger and that nothing will ever occur to mar it."

M. E. G. H. P. JAY BUTLER KLINE then read his address to the Grand Chapter and made his annual report. He eulogized M. E. Companions P. H. P's SEYMOUR H. STONE, the Dean of that Grand Chapter, and RICHARD H. PARKER, who passed to the Great Beyond during the year. We quote the following apropos of the "Good of the Order":

"The questions submitted to me for decision could, I believe, be answered by reference to the Constitution and application of the ordinary rules, established by custom for the government of our actions. It is gratifying to be able to state, that we have arrived at that state of perfection in the Great Institution of Royal Arch Masonry, and become so familiar with its rules and teachings, that we are exemplifying in our lives, the cardinal principles of harmony and fraternity. This harmony and this fraternity extends throughout the world of Masonry.

"A touching instance is furnished by the Grand Chapter of the State of Wisconsin. Upon learning of the presence, at its last convocation, of our beloved Comp. M. E. Thomas C. Cassidy, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, he was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, with all the privileges of its membership, including mileage and per diem, a noble tribute to a noble Companion and an honor to this Grand Chapter.

"The Order here represented has advanced step by step until it has reached an eminence below none in the realms of Freemasonry.

"We look back upon the rough road it has traveled for one hundred and fourteen years and note with satisfaction its great and permanent advancement. From a small class of earnest and devoted workers, it has grown to a great army of teachers, distributed throughout the length and breadth of our great State, picketing the homes of every community, protecting them against evil, error and superstition, challenging the admiration and respect of all, and shedding the light of its influence and knowledge upon every soul."

Among his decisions we note the following, which is certainly right:

"I have been pressed for an official opinion as to the propriety of using intoxicating liquors at Masonic functions, and answered in the following language:

"'No intoxicating liquors should be indulged in, at or during Chapter Meeting.

"'At that time, the utmost decorum should be observed.

"'When the Chapter is at refreshment, such as picnics or banquets, as mentioned in your questions, the companions may enjoy themselves in social intercourse, always avoiding excess in eating and drinking.

"'A Mason qualified for the Royal Arch should be a teacher of moral discipline, and his judgment should guide him on all occasions to deport himself in such a manner as to be an example for others."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of $87,955.17 on deposit.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total of 36,354 Companions, being a net increase of 1,089 for the year. Excellent!

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Companions MARVIN I. GREENWOOD, of Newark, IRA K. MORRIS, of W. New Brighton, and JEROME L. CHENEY, of Syracuse, presented an interesting résumé of the doings of 61 Grand Chapters, having in view "the informing of the Craft as to the work done by the other Grand Chapters, rather than telling them what your Committee think about it." Pennsylvania is given a careful and complimentary review of several pages—and these bouquets:

"It would seem that they are well supplied with the appliances for religious instruction, and ought certainly to be well taught in the truth for they have eight Grand Chaplains."

"The Committee, in the conclusion of their report, bear down pretty hard on some of the high stilted language of some of the members of the Craft, and we think with good reason."

The Grand Chapter was again favored by an address by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. PIERRE CUSHING, this

time upon the theme "Masonry in its Relation to the State." We have space only to clip these fine thoughts:

"It is a source of strength to the Body Politic first, because it stands for *unity*, and unity is strength. A house divided against itself can not stand. Political division and animosity are, as all history shows, a source of weakness to the State.

"But Masonry, and I am thinking now of American Masonry, most scrupulously guards against this evil, by its laws and practice. Not only are its obligations so framed as not to conflict with the civil duties and privileges of its members, but everything in the nature of political discussion is strictly forbidden in its assemblies. "Hands off" is its stern order on every question and subject which divide men politically or religiously, and array them into opposing parties or sects. As it is undenominational, so is it in the strictest sense of the word, non-political. But, on the other hand, it emphasizes in the strongest and clearest manner, those fundamental principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth which make for peace and unity in both Church and State. What a beautiful illustration of the teaching and power of Masonry were certain well-known incidents of our civil war. When our country was like a house divided against itself in that awful, fratricidal strife, in the armies on both sides were Masons, each one taking his place where he believed his duty called him. But as Masons they were not divided.

"And many were the instances when perhaps on the eve of battle they would pass through the lines and meet in Lodge as Brothers, and many more were the instances where homes and lives were spared, and the horrors of war ameliorated by the exercise of Masonic charity and brotherly love. How, indeed, could it be otherwise when the soldier initiated previous to his departure had this charge impressed upon his mind and heart: "Our Institution breathes a spirit of general Philanthropy. Its benefits from a social point of view are exclusive. In the most endearing ties it unites all mankind. In every nation wherever civilization extends, it opens an asylum to the brother in distress and grants hospitality to the necessitous and unfortunate. The sublime principles of universal love and goodness to all mankind which it teaches cannot be lost in national destruction, prejudices and animosities. The rage of contest and the sanguinary conflict have by its recognized principles been abated and the milder emotions of humanity substituted. It has often performed the part of the angel of goodness in ministering to the wants of the sick, the wounded and the unfortunate prisoners of war. It has even taught the pride of victory to give way to the dictates of an honorable connection. Pure patriotism will always animate you to respond to every call of your country to repel an invading

foreign foe or in subduing the rebellious intentions of those within our own land who become faithless to the high duty of a citizen. But should you while engaged in the service of your country be made captive, you may find affectionate brethren where others would only find enemies.

"Companions, I have spoken of Masonry as the antithesis of anarchy. I need not trace the contrast between the two. We know what Masonry is by its teachings and its men. We know that from Washington to President Taft, many of the builders and defenders of this Nation, the preservers of its unity and authority were Masons. We know that many of those who are now bearing the burden and heat of the day in the guidance of its mighty destiny are members of our Order. We know what anarchy is by its deeds. We know that one of our greatest Presidents, two Presidents of France, and no less than five others of the Rulers of Europe have fallen victims to its foul teaching. Since anarchy exists, is it not well for the State that Masonry also exists, and is not the obligation all the more solemn and binding on us, its members, to illustrate by our fidelity in domestic, in religious and civic life its sublime teaching, and thus convince the world at large of its good effects."

M. E. G. H. P. Edward Finch Hill, Peekskill.
R. E. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Sec., Buffalo.

G. P. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in its Sixty-third Annual Convocation in the Hall of Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 27, in the city of Wilson, Tuesday, May 9, 1911, at eight o'clock P. M., and opened in *Ample Form,* M. E. Grand High Priest Jones W. Shuford and the other officers of the Grand Chapter in their respective stations and places, 6 G. H. P's, 26 P. H. P's and 42 Representatives of subordinate Chapters being present.

The Grand High Priest began his report with the following preamble:

Companions:

"I bid you welcome to this, the sixty-third annual convocation of our Grand Chapter, with the hope that our deliberations may be conducive to the continued welfare and prosperity of the same, as well as to Capitular Masonry throughout our beloved State. And as it is brought to our notice when first treading upon the threshold of Freemasonry that no man should ever enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Almighty God, so we would in opening the Grand Chapter, ask each Companion present to render thanks to the Great I Am from whom all our blessings flow, for having preserved our lives, for the manifold temporal and spiritual blessings which have been ours as a people, and ask his aid in all our deliberations.

"I trust that with warm hearts, noble purposes, and fraternal fellowship we assemble today, in this splendid and beautiful city, abounding in hospitality and fraternal good feeling."

He made one decision apropos of an apparent violation of the By-Laws of a Chapter:

"Replying to your letter of April the 6th, asking for a decision on the question of whether you did right in balloting on petitions for degrees that had not laid over for 30 days, as provided by the By-Laws of your Chapter.

"It appears that these petitions were received at the stated Convocation on the first Monday night in March, and that the ballot was taken on the first Monday night in April, the stated convocation for the month. It seems to me that in this case, while the time of 30 days, as fixed in the By-Laws had not elapsed, yet the spirit or intent was complied with, and that the ballot was properly taken."

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 2,606, with a net gain of 192.

The following letter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was read and ordered spread upon the minutes:

FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen St., London, W. C., July 22, 1910.

Dear Sir and Excellent Companion:

"I am desired by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Excellent First Grand Principal, to ask you to be so good as to convey to the members of the Grand Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons of 'North Carolina' the sincere thanks, both of the Grand Lodge, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, for their most kind and fraternal expression of sympathy on the irreparable loss which has been sustained by the death of His Royal Highness's beloved Brother, King Edward the Seventh, Past Grand Master, and Protector of the Order.

"His Royal Highness is deeply touched at receiving so sympathetic an expression of condolence from a body claiming descent from the Royal York Masons of England.

"I am, Dear Sir and Excellent Companion,

"Yours sincerely and faithfully,

"E. LETCHWORTH, *Grand Scribe E.*

"E. Companion James C. Munds,
"R. E. Grand Secretary,
"North Carolina."

The pages devoted to deceased members cannot but be noticed by even a cursory reader—full pages framed with capitular emblems and obituary notices for every companion, with name, Chapter and date of death. The first of these reads: "IN MEMORIAM to the Deceased Companions of Sister Jurisdictions"—"IMMORTALITY."

Companion SOUTHGATE still wields the ready and facile pen as Committee of Foreign Corespondence. He says:

"We herewith submit our twenty-eighth Report on Correspondence and after a pleasant journey through the Capitular field, rest from our labors for awhile to begin another Report for the Grand Commandery. As for several years past we find nothing but good news along the line of the hosts of Royal Arch Masons, marching on conquering and to conquer, with "Holiness to the Lord" inscribed on their banners. There are a few of the States absent from our table, and if they reach us before the printers call for copy they will appear in the list at the end. We begin in alphabetical order with Alabama."

Companion SOUTHGATE does not believe in "tit for tat," for, though he mentions that we made no mention of his report, and regrets that we found nothing "worthy of mention" in it, he makes comments on our

manner of dividing up the work and our "generous quotations" from the proceedings of other Jurisdictions. I am sure Companion HUGHES did not mean to slight your report, Companion SOUTHGATE.

He says of our M. E. G. H. P.:

"The initial page contains a fine picture of M. E. Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, Grand High Priest, who seems to be well fed on the very best the market affords, and the high cost of living does not seem to have much affected him."

You are a good physiognomist.

And here we are hit as a Grand Chapter:

"They seem to require at least eight Grand Chaplains in this Jurisdiction, and we suppose that they are likely to call upon the one nearest by at any time. Perhaps they need more than most people (?)."

We humbly confess that we are not angels, but there are others who are not. We make no apology for the number of the "cloth" in our Grand Chapter, and we are proud to say that our subordinate Chapters have the same personnel. No, we are not sensitive on that point.

The peroration is worthy of repetition here:

"Each year it has seemed our last report was finished, but a Merciful Providence which 'shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may,' has preserved our life to this glad hour and we are still pursuing, though with halting step and aching limbs. We have wrought long, if not well, and for nearly a generation have been seated with others at the annual 'round table' to discuss things pertaining to the welfare of the Capitular Rite, so dear to our hearts and well worthy our best efforts to assist in building this 'House of the Lord.'

"We have seen many of our Companions leave the table and their seats become vacant forever. We have grieved at their departure but they will not come back, nor will their voice be heard again. The pen has been laid aside we trust, for a crown far away beyond the stars. We have sat at their feet, as Paul at the feet of Gamaliel, to learn the truths of Masonry and have her laws interpreted, but we shall hear them no more. One by one we must all take our places in the march to the grave, and

will we be ready when called, is the great question to be settled. May we so live that we may receive the 'well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.' With sincere thanks for the kind words received from the Reporters, and with the hope that this report may bring pleasure and edification to our Companions."

HUGH A. MURRILL, Charlotte, M. E. G. H. P.
JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington, R. E. G. Sec.

G. P. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

On opening the Proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction, one's eye falls on the lifelike engraving of Grand High Priest WALTER L. WILLIAMSON, seated, and one cannot but feel that he is going to speak. We feel that he is only waiting for the "spirit to move him," when words of Masonic wisdom will flow from his lips. He looks like a Pennsylvanian, and here is the explanation:

WALTER LEHMAN WILLIAMSON
Grand High Priest—1910-1911.

"The subject of our sketch is descended from good, old, Pennsylvania, Quaker stock; Daniel Williamson having been among the company of those persecuted in England because of their religious faith, came to America with William Penn in 1682. Daniel Williamson served his commonwealth for forty years in the Colonial Assembly. His grandson, John Williamson, served in 'Mad Anthony' Wayne's regiment. The father and grandfather of Walter L. Williamson were homeopathic physicians. The grandfather was the first to practice this school of medicine in Philadelphia, and for thirty years acted as Dean of the College of Homeopathy. The mother of our Grand High Priest was Mary Potter Raymond, also of good, old Revolutionary stock."

The brochure containing the report is very artistic, and its 124 pages contain much information in tabulated form.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened in the Masonic Temple at Grand Forks, North Dakota, Thursday, June 29, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at ten A. M.

The address of the Grand High Priest is given in full. We quote the following ruling:

"In August, 1910, the Treasurer of one of our Chapters wrote me in regard to loaning the funds of the Chapter to individuals, asked what security should the Chapter take, and should the Treasurer loan these funds without consulting the Lodge (Chapter).

" 'One member wishes to borrow about $700.00, funds of Lodge (Chapter). Is it permissible?'

" To this letter, which was without the seal of the Chapter, and evidently a personal letter seeking advice, I wrote an answer in substance as follows:

"I do not believe that the Grand Chapter should or cared to exert any control of the funds of the particular Chapter, other than to see that the monies belonging to the Chapter are conserved and safe, and are used for the benefit of the Chapter alone, always having in mind that there should be funds on hand to meet the immediate demands and set charges, and the demands of the Grand Chapter for dues and fees. That the appropriation of monies other than set and regular charges, should always be upon the approval of the finance committee and in open and stated convocations.

"That when there should be any great amount of monies in the treasury, they should be invested upon the approval of the finance committee and in open and stated convocations of the Chapter, and in such securities as are absolutely safe and capable of being called upon reasonable notice.

"Upon the proposition of loaning the funds of a Chapter to an individual Companion, that the matter should be carefully considered, that there can be incidents and circumstances surrounding such a plea that are worthy of consideration by the Companions.

"I would advise that the funds be not loaned upon the individual note of any of its members, unless backed by ample and what is called bankable paper, and surrounded by all the safe guards of a strictly business proposition.

"If made as a long-time loan, the security should be absolute and beyond criticism, and due regard should be given to the possibility that the monies might be wanted at a date prior to its maturity.

"But under no circumstances should the funds be loaned by the Treasurer, or the Treasurer and Finance Committee (unless specifically authorized to do so) except by vote of the Chapter in stated convocation after all conditions are fully made known."

We submit that it would be better for each subordinate Chapter to incorporate in its By-Laws something like the following:

"In addition to the officers of the Chapter there shall be elected at the same time three Trustees, who shall invest all monies placed in their hands by the Chapter for that purpose. All investments shall be made in the name of 'The Trustees of.....Royal Arch Chapter, No.....' They shall make no investments except in bonds of the United States or of the State of North Dakota, City of....., County of....., ...School District, loans of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of North Dakota, or such securities as are or may be sanctioned by law as a proper investment for trust funds or upon bonds and mortgages first approved by the Chapter, etc., etc."

We cannot refrain from quoting this in full:

To the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota:

"At the twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, the subject of the beauty, sublimity and the moral teachings of the Capitular Degrees, was informally under discussion and a special committee was appointed to report upon the 'Good of the Order.'

"I submit you herewith a part of their report—

" 'There are so many beautiful ceremonies and thoughts in each degree, when properly presented by the officers, that they ought to impress the candidates fully as much as the first three degrees; but we learn that in many Chapters the symbolism is spoiled by the manner in which the work is conducted, and we hereby recommend that the so-called 'rough-house,' having no place in capitular Masonry, be absolutely prohibited in this grand jurisdiction, thereby elevating the standard of the work of the sublime principles of the Order. We suggest that the incoming Grand High Priest see that this prohibition is enforced in every Chapter.'

"We are acquainted with the facts, that there are too many of us apt to make light of the forms and ceremonies in the various degrees of Masonry, and which at times we permit to go so far as to be severe, rough and ridiculous to the candidate. In the Capitular Degrees conferred within

a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons there is very much of beauty; there is also need of great dignity as each of them points a moral applicable in almost every phase of life, and are but the adornments of a tale, from which should be gathered and impressed upon the candidate—lessons and memories that will go with him thru life and perhaps make just the lesson that would be the means of leading the candidate to a broader and a higher living.

"Life is made up of much of crosses, so happy is he, even within the Masonic bodies, who can turn his sober mind to some of the innocent humor and good natured fun which makes good fellowship. Yet with all this innocent humor and joyousness should not be permitted to extend beyound the bounds of propriety to a point where it becomes severe in its treatment, embarrassing or trying to the candidate. The proprieties of the Chapter meetings should carry with them a certain degree of dignity, not only in our manner and activities, but in our speech during the time of conferring of any of the degrees, as well as during the opening and closing ceremonies. I feel we should vigorously exclude the doing of these things, or the saying of those words, which would seem to be inappropriate, not only as among gentlemen but within and at our home fireside.

"As Masons, and more especially as Royal Arch Masons, we are taking into our various Chapters, the very highest type of manhood, yet I am fearful that we are not mindful when a Brother Master Mason knocks at the outer door of the Tabernacle that he comes there with clean hands, a pure heart, a desire to serve his fellow men and to appreciate the great usefulness of the lessons which we are to inculcate.

"I have put away from my thoughts the very constant and prevailing impression that many Master Masons attempt too fast to pass thru the ceremonies of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery with the aim in view to be a Shriner. There are many of us today Shriners and we would not be without the good fellowship and fun making of a Shrine ceremonial.

"The candidate, if he ever comes to the Shrine, will have fun enough and I feel it behooves us to see that until 'he gets there' he has nothing to recall, except the sublime teachings, moral lessons and high ideals of Masonry.

"Levity and hilarity should be firmly eradicated from every degree of the Chapter. Fun has a legitimate place in all activities of life, but when a Masonic body permits fun to be injected into its work, or carried upon the floor of that body. I feel it shows a woeful lack of appreciation of the high character of Masonry and on some occasions should be severely reprimanded.

"The injunctions placed upon the profane, when attempting to enter the door of the Lodge, that the objects of Masonry are to make men wiser,

better and consequently happier; to teach them the duty they owe to their God, their country, their neighbor, and themselves, are just as enforcible and just as imperative in the Chapter. If we permit foolishness to impair the dignity and moral teachings of the Chapter, we certainly cannot expect to make good men, better, because they are the men who are in all the great affairs of life.

"'In the conferring of the degrees, Ritualistic accuracy is less desirable than correct impressions of the aims and purposes of Capitular Masonry. To teach the soul and to stir to action the nobler impulses of men should be our aim, and this can only be attained when each worker has the right conception of the part he is to perform in the exemplification of the work and then enter into the spirit of the degrees with a consciousness of the solemnity of all its ceremonies.'

"I hereby command every High Priest, King, Scribe and officer in every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota promptly and forever to exclude and prohibit in the body of the Chapter and during the conferring of the degrees, outrageous, severe, rough or ridiculous treatment, incidents and impressions or embarrassing situations upon the candidate, that he who approaches the door of our outer sanctuary when he has been proclaimed exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason can say, 'I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord, Holiness unto the Lord.'"

At 2 P. M. the Grand Chapter was declared "At Ease" in order to allow the officers and members of the Grand Chapter to join with the officers of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in laying the corner-stone of the First Congregational Church at Grand Forks.

There is no report on Correspondence.

M. E. ANSON BARTLETT, G. H. P., Mandan.

R. E. WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Sec., Fargo.

G. P. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince

Edward Island and Newfoundland) was held in Masonic Hall, in the town of Wolfville, N. S., on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, A. D. 1910, A. I. 2440, beginning at ten-thirty o'clock A. M.

M. E. Companion MALCOLM McF. HALL, Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings are contained in a volume of 160 pages, and adorned by an engraving of G. H. P. M. McF. HALL. The Grand High Priest in his address shows a great amount of diligence on his part in supervising the Craft in Nova Scotia. He states:

"We meet today in the charming town of Wolfville in this renowned Valley the land of Evangeline.

"These Annual Convocations are so interwoven with a due admixture of social engagements in the meeting of the old, tried and true friends from the various parts of our Jurisdiction, with but few of whom we meet during the year, that I cannot but believe that those who attend Grand Chapter from year to year, go from them to their homes, better, happier and wiser men and Masons."

He most fittingly notices the death of King Edward VII:

"DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII.

"Just a month ago the whole civilized world was shocked by the message which vibrated from sea to sea—

'The King is dead.'

"Nine years ago, at our regular Convocation, we regretted to announce that one of the grandest reigns in the history of the whole world was brought to a close by the death of

"VICTORIA THE GOOD

and that King Edward had ascended the Throne of this great Empire. Today, after a short reign of less than ten years, which has been one of peace and prosperity, we meet to mourn the loss of him who was justly named 'The Peacemaker,' and for many years the head of the Royal Craft in England, and beloved by all his subjects for his good deeds.

"In consequence, I have issued my edict to all Chapters in this Jurisdiction, directing that all Charters and Jewels be draped for sixty days in token of our sincere grief.

"Some of the Companions of this Grand Chapter have been allotted the privilege of living under four Sovereigns in this Empire.

"Today, this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons extend to him, who has been proclaimed King George V, the assurance of the loyalty and the devotion of more than 1,200 loyal subjects of this Grand Chapter; and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe watch over and spare him long to reign over and well govern the people committed to his care with wisdom, justice and Godliness. Long live the King!"

Of the dead he speaks feelingly:

"'There is a Reaper whose name is Death,
And with His sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between.'

"Our mystic chain has been broken. There are some missing links. Not a single Grand or Past Grand Officer has been called to answer the Roll on high during the year, but fourteen worthy Companions, members of subordinate Chapters, have been summoned to appear before the Grand Overseer, to receive the approval of their work, and who we hope have by the 'Signet of Truth' passed those veils which interposed between them and their fondest hopes.

"Let us cover their foibles, whatever they have been, by the broad mantle of charity, emulate their virtues, and so live that we may not fear death."

He commends the Craft for its increasing intelligence, and I may say, in passing, that it does me good to find a high officer in Masonry who does not spend most of his time in scolding and finding fault:

"As the years go by it becomes more apparent that the Officers of our Chapters are devoting more time to the study of the Constitution and By-Laws. In these, together with the 'Digest of Decisions' compiled and presented by M. E. Companion Black, can be found the information necessary for the proper government of their Chapters. This has been very gratifying to myself, and accounts for my not being called upon to render any decisions of an important nature."

Under such a Grand High Priest no wonder that the following statement he makes is true:

"I am pleased to say that peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction. No disputes or misunderstandings have been referred to me, and I trust that this contentment may ever exist."

I here insert the Proclamation of the Grand High Priest:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA

Office of Grand High Priest

HALIFAX, N. S., May 20, 1910.

PROCLAMATION.

"DEAR COMPANIONS:

"The Grand High Priest of Heaven having in His wisdom seen fit to summon to that Tabernacle above our Most Gracious Sovereign Edward the Seventh, King and Emperor, and who for many years, and until he ascended the throne was the head of the Royal Craft in England, and who 'passed the veils' on Friday, May 6th, it becomes my mournful duty to notify you of the sudden and irreparable loss which we as loyal subjects of the Empire have sustained, and to issue this my EDICT, directing that for the space of sixty days, from this date, all the Chapters under our Jurisdiction cause their Charters and Jewels to be draped as a token of our sincere grief for the loss of one who was beloved by all his subjects for his good deeds as King and Emperor, as one whose greatest aim was universal peace, and as one of whom, notwithstanding his rank and dignity, it could be truly said:

'The zeal, the fire that in him burned
Not age itself could smother,
For more than all things to the last
He loved to meet a brother.'

"And may He, 'who doeth all things well,' ever guide and protect you.

"Attest: S. J. WADDELL, *Grand Secretary.* M. McF. HALL, *Grand High Priest.*"

The Grand Secretary reported, in part:

"There were exalted, 110; affiliated, 8; suspended, 6; dimitted, 23; missing, 5, and 15 have died, giving us a total membership on the 30th of April of 1,272, and a net increase of 72, one more than last year, although

our exaltations were 24 less. Every Chapter but one has had exaltations during the year and that one has a goodly number of candidates ready to receive the Royal Arch. Thirteen Chapters have made gains, two have suffered loss and two have remained stationary.

"It having transpired that some uncertainty exists as to the proper grand honors to be given in Chapters of this Jurisdiction it was moved by R. E. Companion A. J. Munro, seconded by M. E. Companion W. B. Alley, and

"*Ruled*—That the Grand Honors of Masonry as practiced in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia are the Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry to be used in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"The Grand Secretary called the roll of Companions entitled to vote, and Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:—

M. E. Companion Malcolm McF. Hall.....Grand High Priest.
R. E. " W. Medford Christie .....Grand King.
R. E. " J. Glen Grant.....Grand Scribe.
M. E. " William Crowe .....Grand Treasurer.
M. E. " Samuel J. Waddell.....Grand Secretary.

Committee on Correspondence make no report on Pennsylvania.

G. H.

OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, October 4, 1911.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio convened in the Masonic Temple in this city at ten o'clock A. M.

Companion Frank Crumit, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings, with the accompanying reports, fill a volume of 116 pages. A fine engraving of Grand

High Priest CRUMIT adorns the front of the volume. The address of the M. E. H. P. is full of information as to the state of Royal Arch Masonry in Ohio, so I shall quote from it:

"I feel keenest pride in the fact that I have the honor to welcome you and to preside over this our Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation. The year's work evidences a healthy growth; the net gain for the year being 1,455, a most satisfactory showing.

"It is a splendid portent for the future that Ohio claims more than 31,000 of the best, worthiest and most select Chapter Masons in the world.

"What an army (without flaunting banners), is this that marches to the unheard melodies of the Infinite!

" 'Heard melodies are sweet; but those unheard are sweeter,' Sometimes we dream. I think the symbolism and esotery of Capitular Masonry tend to influence men to dream noble dreams and true.

"During the year Capitular Masonry has progressed splendidly."

The Grand High Priest adopted the following system of inspections:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

BREMEN, OHIO, January 27, 1911.

"To the High Priests and Members of all Subordinate Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction:

"Pursuant to the action of the Grand Chapter authorizing and directing the inspection of the subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction, I, therefore by virtue of the power in me vested as Grand High Priest, order that all subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction be officially visited and inspected some time between February 1st and June 1st, 1911. I have, therefore, assigned the Companions whose names appear below to carry out this order; and have issued my proxy to each in accordance therewith.

"The Grand High Priest hopes to be able to visit the following Chapters personally: Nos. 9, 4, 11, 39, 75, 103, 149.

"On receipt of this order, the High Priest of the Chapter will make preparation to exemplify, in part or in full, as the inspector may direct, the work of the Chapter degrees, at a time within the period designated,

suitable to the convenience of said inspector. Let it be the aim of the Officers of each Chapter to conform strictly to the Constitution, Regulations, Ritual and Monitor prescribed by the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

"The High Priest of each subordinate Chapter is hereby directed to immediately take the necessary action to comply with Section 4, of the Code, as amended by the Grand Chapter of Ohio, as shown on page 48 of the proceedings of 1905.

"Decision 301, on page 105, of the Code, specifies a duty of the Chapter and the High Priest will make every effort possible to have the 'Mark' of each Companion of the Chapter recorded in the 'Mark-book' before the inspector arrives.

"A copy of the report blank used by inspectors is herewith enclosed. The data sent you is to be read at the first regular communication of the Chapter after its receipt, and placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Chapter that he may have the required information collected for the convenience of the inspector.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, to be affixed this 27th day of January, 1911, Anno Inventionis 2441.

[Seal] Frank Crumit, *Grand High Priest.*

Edwin Hagenbach, *Grand Secretary.*

"So far as I have been able to determine, the results obtained from the Inspections made under the plan which was adopted for this year, have been quite as satisfactory as those of preceding years. If this observation be true, it is due to the vigilance and earnestness of those to whom the work was assigned."

In conclusion he says:

"In my service I have seen manhood ennobled, charity exalted, the brow of virtue crowned with honor, selfishness abased, and the tears of sorrow dried, and with it the real souls of men stand forth shining in the radiance of that light which never was on land or sea."

The report of the Grand Secretary is, in part, as follows:

"Number of active chartered Chapters, 170; under Dispensation, 2; vacant numbers, 18. Highest number assigned, 188.

Number of members July 31, 1910		30,248
Exalted		2,107
Admitted		219
Reinstated		322
		32,896
From which deduct:		
Died	423	
Withdrawn	351	
Suspended n. p. d.	402	
Suspended u. m. c.	10	
Expelled	7	1,193
Present membership July 31, 1911		31,703

The Committee on Jurisprudence make a very full report. A certain recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest and a proposed amendment concerning the adoption and recording of Marks by members of the subordinate Chapters:

"The reports of inspection of the various Chapters show that a large proportion of the Chapter Masons in this State has failed to comply with the instruction of this Grand Body that each member shall, if he has not already done so, adopt and file with the Secretary of his Chapter a copy of his Mark.

"This failure is no doubt due in many instances to the neglect of the High Priest and Secretary to impress upon the minds of such delinquent members the duty of attending to the requirement of the Grand Chapter law upon the subject, and insist that each member shall perform such duty at once.

"We think that renewed and persistent efforts should be made by the Chapter officers referred to accomplish the result desired, that of having a Mark on record for every Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction.

"We doubt the propriety or efficiency of the plan suggested in the recommendation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, of having the Secretary record the initials of delinquent Companions as their Marks, in case such Companions fail, after a notice of three months, to select Marks for themselves.

"The selection of a Mark, so far as its design is concerned, should be entirely voluntary, as a Companion cannot change his Mark after it has been recorded. We prefer to recommend increased diligence by the Chapter officers rather than the plan suggested.

"2. As to the proposed amendment to the Code (Section 27), offered by Comp. Wm. A. Belt, viz.: To add to said section as it now stands the words 'And in no case shall any candidate receive the Royal Arch degree until he has adopted and filed with the Secretary of his Chapter a copy of the Mark he is obligated to adopt,' it is wise, and we recommend its adoption.

"3. While upon this subject we further recommend that Section 25 of the Code be amended by adding at the end thereof the words: 'The petition and dimit shall be accompanied by a copy of the Mark of the applicant.'

"4. And we further recommend that Section 30 of the Code be amended by adding at the end thereof the words: 'But no such dimit shall be issued to any Companion who has not previously selected a Mark and had the same recorded.'"

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS.

"M. E. Grand High Priest—Joseph Kirkup, Cincinnati.
"R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest—Thomas H. Isitt, Cleveland.
"R. E. Grand King—William E. Evans, Chillicothe.
"R. E. Grand Scribe—Charles L. Harrod, Columbus.
"R. E. Grand Treasurer—Ralph R. Rickly, Columbus.
"R. E. Grand Secretary—Edwin Hagenbach, Urbana.
"E. Grand Captain of the Host—Fred J. Crane, Garrettsville.
"E. Grand Principal Sojourner—William A. Belt, Kenton.
"E. Grand Royal Arch Captain—John H. Baehr, Cleveland.
"E. Grand Master Third Vail—Harry W. Lloyd, Toledo.
"E. Grand Master Second Vail—Walton H. Parker, Beverly.
"E. Grand Master First Vail—Schuyler B. Tuthill, Cincinnati."

Pennsylvania is ably reviewed by Companion O. P. SPERRA.

G. H.

OREGON.

On the frontispiece we note the genial portrait of FRANK J. MILLER, G. H. P. It is pleasant to see the portraits of these prominent Western Companions, even if we never get the chance to greet them face to face.

The Fifty-First Annual Convocation of the Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Oregon was opened in Masonic Temple, city of Portland, on Monday, June 12, 1911, 13 P. G. H. P's and many of the Chapters represented by proxy. We will not attempt a review of the Proceedings, for we wish to use all the space at our command to pay tribute to Comp. J. M. Hodson, whose eighteenth correspondence we had in hand last year; and in its perusal we felt as though we were really acquainted with him.

The Grand High Priest issued the following:

JOHN MILTON HODSON

Past Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter, died at his home in Portland, Oregon, on Sunday, October 9, 1910.

"While I have known for a long time of the serious illness of Companion Hodson, I still fondly hoped that he would regain his health and be spared to us for years to come, but the Master thought best to take him and the requiem of the winds today softly murmer 'At Rest.' An honored and respected citizen has passed to his eternal reward. Although confined to his home for only a short time, his illness dates back to nearly three years ago, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis while performing the arduous work of chairman of the committee whose duty it was to superintend the construction of the new Masonic Temple in the City of Portland; the faithful discharge of these duties doubtless hastened his end. Of him it may be truthfully said a faithful laborer in the great Masonic field has fallen 'with his armor on.'

"Companion Hodson was born near New Vienna, Ohio, August 24, 1839. In 1852 he removed with his parents to Indiana and settled near Knightstown. He was made a Mason in Golden Rule Lodge No. 16, of Knightstown, being raised March 13, 1865; he received the Capitular degrees in Knightstown Chapter No. 33, being exalted January 7, 1870; obtained the Cryptic Rite in Knightstown Council No. 29, January 10, 1870, and was Knighted in William Hacker Commandery of Knightstown, January 29, 1870, and since his residence in Oregon has attained Thirty-third degree, A. and A. Scottish Rite.

"His official relations with the craft have been almost continuous since he was made a Mason. He was Master under dispensation and afterward for three years under charter of Carthage Lodge No. 179, of Carthage,

Indiana. He removed to Winchester, Indiana, in 1872, and affiliated with Winchester Lodge No. 56, Randolph Chapter No. 35, Winchester Council No. 20, and Richmond Commandery No. 5. He was High Priest of Randolph Chapter two terms and twice elected Illustrious Master of Winchester Council. Removing to Oregon in 1883, he located at Eugene and affiliated with Eugene Lodge No. 11, Eugene Chapter No. 10, Oregon Council No. 2, and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, which affiliations he maintained to the time of his death, with the exception that he demitted from Oregon Council and affiliated with Washington Council No. 3, at Portland. He served as High Priest of Eugene Chapter one year.

"He participated in the organization of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, and after serving in nearly all the subordinate positions was elected Grand Commander in 1894. He has served on the committee on correspondence and has prepared all the reports from the Templar Jurisprudence of Oregon. He has been a member of the Grand Chapter at nearly every convocation since 1884, and after serving in many of the minor positions was elected Grand High Priest in 1895. He has served the Grand Chapter as Chairman of its Committee on Correspondence since 1891. He has been present at nearly every annual communication of the Grand Lodge since 1884, serving on its committees and in several subordinate offices; he was elected Grand Master in 1899. He was the only Mason in Oregon who has presided over all the Grand Masonic bodies of the York Rite. He served two years as president of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, 1894 and 1895.

"His most enduring monument and that by which he was best known was his work as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in all the Grand Masonic bodies; his ability and faithfulness in the discharge of his duty has rarely been equalled and never excelled.

"All who knew him will retain a loving remembrance of his kind and genial nature, and the purity and excellence of his life and character.

> "'He sat as sits the morning star, which goes
> Not down behind the darkened West, nor hides
> Obscured amidst the tempests of the sky,
> But melts away in the light of heaven.'

"It is hereby ordered that this tribute to his memory be read at the first stated convocation of each Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction after its receipt, and that the jewels and altar be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, this 17th day of October, 1910.

"Frank J. Miller, *Grand High Priest.*"

The following apropos of Correspondence reports, which are omitted for the first time in so many years. Keep up the work in this line, Companions:

"There has been some discussion in the past as to the advisability of continuing the committee on foreign correspondence. Upon the death of Past Grand High Priest, John M. Hodson, who was Chairman of this committee, I was requested by numbers of Companions not to appoint his successor, but to leave the matter for the disposal of the Grand Chapter. In conformity with the expressed wishes of the Companions who doubt the usefulness of such a committee and the expediency of continuing it the question is herewith submitted to you. While deferring to the wishes of these Companions in submitting this matter to you, I trust this committee will be continued; through the work of the committee we are kept in touch with our sister jurisdictions and are keeping in line with a majority of other Grand Chapters. Forty-five States and territories in our own country and seven foreign jurisdictions that report to us maintain such committees, and I hope you will find it of sufficient importance to do in the future as we have done in the past."

C. J. Buchanan, Grand H. P., Oregon City.

Jas. F. Robinson, Grand Sec., 388 Yamhill St., Portland, Oregon.

G. P. S.

QUEBEC.

Again we have the brilliant red covered brochure, each page bordered with scarlet lines, the accustomed dress of the Proceedings of this Jurisdiction. The frontispiece is the portrait of Theodore A. Emmans, Grand First Principal Z., 1911, in full evening dress, Chapter jewels on each lapel and collar across the shirt underneath the coat on the right and under the vest at the left. Is this the proper investiture of the Grand Chapter of Quebec?

The M. E. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

of Quebec assembled in Thirty-fourth Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Montreal at three o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the 22d day of March, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

The address of the Grand First Principal Z. is given in full, and we clip this in re of the death of our Companion, the late King Edward VII:

"Vast, indeed, have been the changes, and of vast importance the events of the past year, but among them all there have been none that more directly affected British subjects in general than the death of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh. His eulogy has been penned by abler hands than mine, his merits and his virtues sung in terms more eloquent than any at my command, but by no classes of his late Majesty's subjects is he more deeply and more sincerely mourned than by the Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec. I was glad to be able to attend the imposing Masonic memorial service in this city, which so nearly coincided with the time of His late Majesty's funeral, and am also happy to be able to report that Grand Chapter was represented by many other of its officers and members."

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts give the reader a good idea of the work done in the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Scribe E. reports a net gain of 50; a total membership of 1,298.

The Correspondence report is again in the facile style of our friend, E. T. D. CHAMBERS, P. G. Z. He gives Pennsylvania two pages, and quotes from the address of G. H. P. "DARL" A. SUNDSTROM—perhaps a typographical error, surely no offence to our own Carl.

M. E. Companion T. A. EMMONS, Grand Z., Montreal.
M. E. Companion WILL. H. WHYTE, Box 1207, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

G. P. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina assembled in Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple in Greenville, South Carolina, on Tuesday, the 8th day of February, 1910, at twelve M.

Companion WM. E. GANTT, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a clear statement of the state of the Royal Craft in South Carolina. He granted a Dispensation to Rising Star Chapter, No. 4, to confer R. A. degree on Bro. KEELS, who had lost part of a finger after he had taken the Mark, Past and M. E. degrees.

He made the following decision:

"I had a letter from Companion M. Stackhouse, of Marion, S. C., asking for a ruling on the following subject:

"A Brother Mason, named Ford, had been living at Mullins, S. C., but for the past two years had been living at Wilmington, N. C. Brother Ford was anxious to become a Royal Arch Mason. He was told by some Brother that he would have to apply to the Chapter nearest his Blue Lodge. Believing that was the proper thing to be done he applied to Marion Chapter. They elected him and asked the Chapter at Wilmington, N. C., to confer the degrees for them. They refused on the ground that Brother Ford was their material and not the material of Marion Chapter, as Brother Ford had been living in Wilmington two years before he made application to Marion Chapter.

"I ruled that the Chapter at Wilmington, N. C., was clearly right, and that Marion Chapter should return his money and application to him, and to make a note in their minutes why they had done so."

He finds "that the Royal Craft in this State was never in better condition."

The Secretary reports 48 Chapters; 2,340 members; receipts of $3,713.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report:

"1. That it recommends approval of the decisions reported by Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his address.

"2. That this Committee most heartily concurs in that part of the address wherein our Most Excellent Grand High Priest refers to our beloved Companion, Grand Secretary Jacob T. Barron. Too much cannot be said of his many admirable qualities and zeal for the institution of Masonry. He has so endeared himself to us that we deeply feel his enforced absence. We rejoice, however, that our information leads us to believe that he will soon be with us again and engage in the work which we know is so dear to him.

"Your Committee has wired Companion Barron expressing the Grand Chapter's regret at his absence, its joy at the prospect of his early return and extending its fraternal greetings and best wishes."

The Committee on Necrology reported, in part, as follows:

"Through the goodness and mercy of our Great High Priest, the official rank of our Grand Chapter was not broken during the past year. For this let us pause and express to Him the deep gratitude of our hearts and ask that the same protection may be thrown around them for another year.

"Eighteen of our Companions in labor from eleven of our subordinate Chapters have ceased their labors."

Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

Comp. Wm. E. Gantt.....M. E. Grand High Priest
" J. L. Michie.....R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
" George S. Mower.....R. E. Grand King
" George T. Bryan.....R. E. Grand Scribe
" Rev. D. M. Fulton.....R. E. Grand Chaplain
" C. Frank Jackson.....R. E. Grand Treasurer
" Jacob T. Barron.....R. E. Grand Secretary
" Wm. A. Giles.....R. E. Grand Captain of the Host

On motion of Companion MOWER it was

"*Resolved,* That committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable program for the celebration of the Centennial Convocation of this Grand Chapter and that this committee be charged with the duty of making all necessary arrangements for carrying the program into effect."

Pennsylvania is reviewed courteously.

G. H.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Twenty-second Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in the city of Chamberlain, commencing Thursday, June 15, 1911, Anno Domini 1911, Anno Inventionis 2441, at nine o'clock A. M., M. E. Grand High Priest, an excellent engraving of whom appears on the front page, in the Chair.

Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction, 35; membership, 2,936; net gain, 149.

The proceedings consist of the routine business and tabulated reports from the several Chapters giving the names of the officers and members in each.

The Appendix contains a digest of the doings of 48 Grand Chapters. Companion LOUIS G. LEVOY endeavored to obtain the photograph of the Grand Secretary of each Jurisdiction he reviewed, and has an interesting collection of Masonic lights. We are sorry that, due to his innate and well-known modesty, the genial face of

our own Companion Grand Secretary CHARLES CARY does not appear in the space allotted to Pennsylvania.

We want our Companions to read this:

"The proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction are always a year late, which makes it less interesting than it would be if its detail could be given to our Craft the same year the session is held.

"We are now writing in the spring of 1911 and the report covers their work of 1909.

"It is a great Masonic State and its doings are of importance in the Masonic world, but under present conditions it does not receive the interest it merits. This could be altered by having its journal printed and distributed immediately following its annual in December, so that Grand Chapter could receive it at latest in February following, which would be ample time for the majority of Grand Chapters to have its Correspondence Committee review it and give to the Craft up-to-date news of one of the oldest and largest Masonic Jurisdictions on this Continent."

Also his final word:

"Peace and harmony prevail within and throughout all Jurisdictions, and the 400,000 Royal Arch Masons therein contained should be happy and contented on this ideal state of affairs."

JACOB J. NISSEN, Yankton, G. H. P.
GEO. A. PETTIGREW, Sious Falls, G. Sec.

G. P. S.

TENNESSEE.

A portrait of A. N. SLOAN, G. H. P., 1911, greets one on opening this brochure.

Members, 4,979, increase of 231 in 183 Chapters.

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall,

in the city of Nashville, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M., on Monday, March 6, A. D. 1911, Anno. Inv. 2441.

Address.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest read the following address, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Companions of the Grand Chapter:

"Let us render all honor and praise to the Great I Am, who has preserved our lives and permitted us to assemble for our eighty-second Annual Convocation.

"For the first time in the history of this Grand Chapter we hold our annual Convocation in our own home, erected jointly by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, where, I trust, for many years to come we may meet with glad hearts, and in memory live again the happy scenes of the past. We owe a debt of gratitude to the joint committee from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for the earnest and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties. Beset by many difficulties, they have carried forward the work to completion, and we rejoice with them that their arduous task is at last crowned with success."

Apropos of Custodians, he makes these recommendations, which ought to make the work uniform and perfect:

"That said Custodians be charged with the special duty of holding at least three schools of instruction, in each of the three grand divisions of the State, each school to be of not less than three days duration, the same to be held between the time of the June election and the installation in December, at such time and place as said custodians may designate, and that said Custodians be clothed with authority to summons all elected High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters to attend at least one such school, and before they or either of them shall be installed into their respective offices they must receive from one or more of said Custodians a certificate showing that they and each of them are competent to properly open and close the Chapter upon all four of the degrees of Capitular Masonry, and to confer in a proper manner the four Chapter degrees.

"I recommend further that the High Priests, Kings and Scribes attending such school, be allowed reasonable compensation for the time and expense

of attending such school of instruction, the same to be paid from the treasury of the Chapter of which they are members."

He declined to grant Dispensation to a Chapter to receive petitions, ballot upon the same and confer degrees at the same Convocation. *Right!* He is also true to the landmarks in this decision:

"'Would the mere fact of a brother's restoration in the Blue Lodge, after expulsion, restore him to full membership in the Chapter?'

"Held—

"'Expulsion by the Lodge deprives an expelled member of every Masonic right, not only in the Lodge, but in the Chapter. After expulsion, for good cause, the Lodge may restore him to his Masonic rights, and such restoration will make him a Master Mason in good standing, and thereby restore him to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, except membership in his Chapter. (See page 23, Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter). To become a member of the Chapter, he must petition the Chapter and be balloted upon in the same manner as a "non-affiliate."

"I have received the following communication under seal of Greeneville Chapter No. 135.

"'Brother Seaton, of Nolachucky Lodge No. 323, desires to apply for the Chapter Degrees, but having a stiff right knee, we write to know if you will authorize us to give him the degrees. He can kneel all right on his left knee and was in this condition when he received the Blue Degrees, they having gotten permission from the Grand Master to receive him. We await your decision in the matter.'

"To the above I replied as follows:

I beg to refer you to pages 23 and 24, Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter, which reads as follows:

It is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of such degrees.

A Mark Master Mason whose right knee is without motion, perfectly stiff, is unable to conform literally, to the requirements of the work, and cannot receive the Chapter Degrees.

Candidates who are crippled may be accepted, when their maim does not amount to inability to comply with our rites and ceremonies.

"'In view of the above decisions, I have not the authority to grant the

permission asked. After seeing the candidate, you can determine for yourselves whether his inability is such as to deprive him of the privileges of Chapter Masonry.' "

The report on Correspondence is the eighth of Comp. J. H. McClister, P. G. H. P., and is carefully prepared and written in his versatile style. He devotes two full pages to Pennsylvania, and at length from our report.

M. E. Archibald Sloan, Chattanooga, G. H. P.
R. E. Jno. B. Garrett, Nashville, Grand Sec.

G. P. S.

TEXAS—1910.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in the Sixty-first Grand Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Waco, Texas, on Monday, the 5th day of December, A. D. 1910, A. I. 2440, at nine-thirty o'clock A. M.

Companion J. J. Gallaher, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings fill a volume of 224 pages, including the report of the Committee on Correspondence. The address of the Grand High Priest is a very able account of his stewardship. What he says is well worth notice, but I can only give an extract:

"No system of morality or sociology will satisfy mankind, unless, somewhere in its teachings, it provides food for the soul. Divine principles must be so woven in the warp and woof of its fabric that eternal benefits

will ultimately accrue to the yearning heart of man. It is a great moment in the life of any man when he is honest enough to admit his shortcomings and the impoverishment and limitations of his own strength, and brave enough to acknowledge the Omnipotence and love of the Being who gave him life.

"Whether Masonry has existed since the morning stars first sang together, or had its origin as an institution in the banding together of the workmen of the Temple, or in the mystical teachings of Pythagoras and Plato, it stands today the most splendid exponent of a practical system of morality which has come down the ages. The principles upon which its foundations are laid silently entered the world with the light of creation, revealing to man the things that were helpful, that he might partake of their benefits, and discovering those that were hurtful, that he might escape their penalties."

He made many decisions:

"9. The High Priest of a Chapter asks this question: 'Did our Chapter do right in refusing to confer the degrees upon a Brother, who, between the date of his election and the time set for the conferring of the degrees, had the misfortune to lose his right arm in an accident?'

"I replied: Your Chapter acted correctly in refusing to confer the degrees upon the unfortunate Brother.

"The fact that he met with his misfortune after he had been elected to receive the degrees does not alter the application of the law governing in such cases, and the degrees must not be conferred, as much as we may regret such decision.

"12. I received the following statement and question from the Secretary of Laredo Chapter, No. 185:

"One of our members, who has previously held his Lodge membership in ——— Lodge, in the Republic of Mexico, has, at some time during the past eighteen months, withdrawn his membership from that Lodge, and, for political purposes, has united with a clandestine Lodge. What course shall we pursue to drop him from our rolls? I replied:

"You should have dropped him from your roster of membership when it became known that he had remained a voluntary non-affiliate of a regular Lodge for more than six months. If you have unmistakable evidence that the Companion, for political or other reasons, has knowingly affiliated with a clandestine Lodge, then, unquestionably, your proper course is to prefer charges and expel him.

"A Brother who has received the Mark Master's degree in Scotland, where said degree is conferred under the Jurisdiction of the Blue Lodge,

should not be allowed to attend meetings of the Chapter in this Jurisdiction while at work in the Mark Master's degree."

His closing words show his appreciation of the responsibilities of his high office:

"For the benefit of those who aspire to fill the office of Grand High Priest, I will say, it is far from a nominal position. You will find all around you sorrows that you ought to solace, cold hearts that you ought to warm, perplexed ones whom you may guide, discouraged Companions whom you should cheer, and tempted ones that you ought to strengthen.

"A great leader of Israel once said to his people, 'Ye have not passed this way heretofore.' And in the quietude of this hour the time-worn expression comes to our minds most forcibly 'that we shall not pass this way again.' Any kindness, therefore, that we can show, or any good that we can do, let us do it while our faculties are about us, and while the opportunities are afforded, that we may have the consciousness of having performed our duty, and may hope to receive the wages which come as the reward of a well-spent life.

" 'You will find,' with Henry Drummond, 'that as you look back upon your life—the moments that stand out—the moments when you have really lived—are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love. As memory scans the past, above and beyond the transitory pleasures of life, there leap forward those supreme hours when you have been enabled to do unnoticed kindnesses to those around you, things too trifling to speak about, but which you feel have entered into your eternal life.' "

The report of the Grand Secretary shows statistics from returns of 1910:

Markings	1,493	Dimissions	473
Passings	1,484	Suspensions	214
Receivings	1,465	Expulsions	9
Exaltings	1,458	Deaths	204
Affiliations	254	Present membership	16,670
Reinstatements	51	Net gain	1,227

Past High Priests 1,177

"There are now on the roll two hundred and forty-nine Chapters. Of these one hundred and forty-nine show a gain; seventy-three show a loss; twenty-five have held their own, and two have failed to report."

The address of the Grand Orator was on "The

Essence of Masonry." To him, as to other students, the origin of Masonry is veiled in obscurity:

"Whether, with some enthusiasts, we place the birth of Masonry prior to the building of the Ark—whether, with Dr. Anderson, we go back to the beginning and attribute to Adam a knowledge of geometry as the foundation of masonry and architecture—whether we date its inception from the building of the Tower of Babel, or the Temple of Solomon, or the Pharaohic structures—whether we believe that Moses was a Grand Master, Joshua his Deputy, and Aholiab and Bezeleel Grand Wardens, or that Solomon was the first Grand Master—whether we hold that we may not justifiably go further back than authentic history will carry us, and, so, regard it as beginning with certain German societies of operative Masons which flourished in the eleventh and twelfth centuries and were known as Bauhutten—we are, in any of these events, unable to actually prove our case, even to the extent of the requirements of the courts of our land, 'beyond a reasonable doubt.'

"It is said that an eminent jurist, when asked for the secret of his great success, replied: 'Deny everything, admit nothing.' Unlike this one-sided individual, but, on the contrary, approaching the question reverently and with open minds, it is probable that the great majority of Masons accept the explanation of its origin which Masonry itself so beautifully and consistently sets forth, and for the truth of which its words and ceremonies furnish so much internal evidence, and believe that Masonry, substantially as we have it now, was organized by King Solomon at the building of the Temple. For example, the Rev. A. N. Keigwin, in a sermon at the dedication of the magnificent Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, in 1873, used the following language: 'Historically, Masonry dates from the building of the Temple of Solomon. No one at the present day disputes this claim.'

"But, when all is said as to any one of these theories, the decision will still be in accordance with the old Scotch verdict, 'Not proven!' It would seem, therefore, that history can throw but little light upon the subject of our quest. The important question is, not when and where Freemasonry had its birth, and how it grew, but what it is, and what it is doing for the benefit of humanity. What is it that so differentiates it from all other secret orders and societies? What can account for its wonderful growth, and for the charmed life that has borne it unharmed through the many vicissitudes of the passing centuries? Is it not the fact that it draws its inspiration and its teachings from the Great Light, the Book of God, itself?"

The Finance Committee reports the assets of the Grand Chapter:

174 leather bound Monitors	$ 174.00
556 cloth bound Monitors	278.00
135 cloth bound digests	67.50
Office furniture and fixtures, library	4,800.00
Cash on hand	10,365.33
Total	$15,684.83

The time provided by the Constitution for the annual election of officers having arrived, the election was held, with the following results:

Companion Joe Adams	M. E. G. H. P., Crockett.
" C. L. Alderman	E. Deputy G. H. P., Big Springs.
" John L. Terrell	E. Grand King, Dallas.
" D. W. Glasscock	E. Grand Scribe, Beaumont.
" B. F. Frymier	E. Grand Treasurer, Waco.
" Jno. A. Bryan	E. Grand Secretary, Cleburne.

One thought stands out prominent in my mind as I review these Proceedings, and that is: What a treasure Royal Arch Masons possess in Masonic teaching, for it holds up lofty ideals of life, practical everyday maxims for conduct, and breathes forth the perfume of a loving, loyal service to God and man.

Pennsylvania is ably reviewed by Companion John L. Terrell.

G. H.

TEXAS—1911.

The first 20 pages of these Proceedings consist of the report of the Special Convocation of the G. R. A. Chapter of Texas to assist in dedicating the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington. A cut of the building appears as the frontispiece. The cost is $7,800.

Below are the conditions for admittance:

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARIES TO THE HOME FOR AGED MASONS AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS.

"Masons in good standing, affiliated with a Lodge for five years next preceding the application, over sixty years of age, incapacitated by age or infirmity to labor for their support, and without means or resources of livelihood, shall be eligible to admittance. Applications for admission shall be approved by the Lodge of which the proposed beneficiary is a member, incorporating the resolution of the Lodge, signed by the Master and Secretary and under the seal of the Lodge.

"No person of unsound mind or afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease shall be admitted.

"It is expected that, so far as their physical condition permits they shall assist in the care of their own rooms, and in light work about the house and farm, and that those who are able to do so will minister to the wants of others who may be sick, or by reason of infirmity rendered unable to attend to their own wants."

Large half-tone engravings of JOE ADAMS, G. H. P., 1910-11, and of C. R. PHILLIPS, Grand Sec., 1911-12, grace the pages preceding the regular Convocation.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in its Sixty-second Grand Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Waco, Texas, on Monday, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at nine-thirty o'clock A. M.

After the preliminary ceremonies, the M. E. Grand High Priest presented and read his address to the Grand Chapter:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas:

"Companions: Once more, through the kind providence and protecting care of Him 'in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind,' we are permitted to come together in this beautiful Temple in this, the sixty-second Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand

Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and I feel sure that every Companion present returns his most devout thanks for this privilege and pleasure to the Great I Am, who has said, 'I will abide in thy tabernacle forever.'

"Companions, I extend to you a most hearty welcome to this Grand Convocation, and I doubt not our meeting together will be for our good and for the advancement of His kingdom upon the earth. May we then so act our several parts, not only today, but on the tomorrows which shall come to you and me, that when the summons shall come to each of us we may receive the welcome plaudit from the Supreme Grand Artificer of the Universe, 'Well done.'

The following decision is worthy of note:

"First—A Companion cannot vouch for a visitor in a subordinate Chapter who has sat with such visitor in a Commandery, but does not know him to be a Royal Arch Mason."

If we had the space, we should like to publish in full the Grand Orator's address on "The Royal Arch." These paragraphs will give the interested Pennsylvanian some idea of the address.

"To communicate true and correct ideas in respect to the Deity was the one chief object of the Mysteries, and in them that knowledge was taught to Moses and Pythagoras. Wherefore, you may, if you will, consider the whole legend of the Royal Arch degree like that of the Master's degree, an allegory representing the perpetuation of the knowledge of the true God in the Sanctuaries of Initiation. The Temple of Solomon is a symbolic image of the Universe. The numbers employed have special reference to the Deity, represent His attributes, or figure in the framework of the world, in time and space.

"No longer needing to repair to Jerusalem to worship, or to offer up sacrifices and shed blood to propitiate the Deity, man may make of the woods and mountains his churches and temples, and worship God with a profound gratitude and with works of charity and beneficence towards his fellowmen. Wherever the humble, contrite heart offers up its adoration, under the overarching trees, in the open, level meadow, on the hill side, in the glen, or in the city's crowded street, there is God's house and the new Jerusalem. Oh, Mason of the Royal Arch, you, of all men, should love God and keep His commandments. 'For in the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the *Word is God.*'"

The conclusion is as follows:

"The number three everywhere represented the Supreme Being. Hence

the name of Deity engraven upon the *triangular* plate, and that sunken into the *cube*, of agate taught the Ancient Mason, and teaches us, that the true knowledge of God, of His nature and His attributes, is written by Him upon the leaves of the great book of Universal Nature, and may be there read by all who are endowed with intellect and intelligence. This knowledge of God, so written there, of which Masonry has in all ages been the interpreter, is the *Master Mason's word*, 'Long lost, now found, Holiness to the Lord.' "

Companion JOHN L. TERRELL, chairman, submitted the review of the proceedings of Capitular Grand Bodies in 86 full pages, of which he devotes 3½ to our own Jurisdiction. He is a spicy writer, and sees the funny side of everything. He quotes from P. G. H. P. Meredith's report on Correspondence: "In reading the reports of Sister Jurisdictions we regret to find a tendency to modernize Freemasonry. Against this we must enter our solemn protest."

To this Comp. TERRELL replies:

"To shut out the clandestine, he suggests that Grand Chapters agree on a uniform certificate for the use of subordinate Chapters, and that each visiting Companion not vouched for, be required to have such certificate.

"We note some objections to such a system, but as to this writer, he votes aye. We are a little surprised, however, that Pennsylvania doesn't object on the ground that it is a modern innovation. Pennsylvania does not confer degrees by courtesy; the route is waiver of jurisdiction. This is our Grand Lodge rule.

"Under Connecticut we find the following:

" 'Pennsylvania's boast of having the oldest Royal Arch Chapter and the oldest Grand Chapter on the American continent cannot be questioned. The first Royal Arch Chapter on the American continent was held in Philadelphia prior to 1758, the earliest records are dated December 3, 1767. The minutes are complete from that date to the present time. It was originally termed Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, but more than one hundred years ago the name was changed to Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3. The Grand Chapter dates its existence from November 23, 1795; on that date the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on November 17, 1795, submitted their report, in which we find the following:

And whereas, it is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this Jurisdiction, that a Royal Arch Grand Chapter should be opened, under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Under Iowa, Companion Stockton Bates gives us the following, which we can not resist quoting and commending (at this particular date, October 26), to the mandamus lawyers in the Attorney General's department:

"'We are reminded by the above of a model charge to a jury, which was:

If the jury believe, from the evidence, that the plaintiff and defendant were partners in a grocery, and that the plaintiff bought out the defendant and gave him his note for the interest, and that defendant paid him for the note by delivering to the plaintiff a cow, which he warranted not breachy, and the warranty was broken by reason of the breachiness of the cow, and he drove the cow back and tendered her to the defendant, but he refused to receive her, and the plaintiff took her home again and put a heavy yoke on her to prevent her from jumping fences, and by reason of the yoke she broke her neck and died; and if the jury further believe that the defendant's interest in the grocery was worth anything, the plaintiff's note was worthless and the cow good for nothing, either for beef or milk, then the jury must find out themselves how they will decide the case; for the court, if she understands herself—and she thinks she does—doesn't know how such a d——d case should be decided.'"

C. L. Alderman, Big Springs, M. E. Grand High Priest.

C. R. Phillips, McGregor, E. Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

UTAH.

This is the first chance we have had to review the organization of a Grand Chapter, and we find the Proceedings very interesting reading.

Petitions having been received from the several R. A. Masons in Utah, General Grand High Priest Kingsley, whose well-known face appears in the frontispiece, issued the following notice:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

NATHAN KINGSLEY. AUSTIN, MINN., July 14, 1911.

To all to whom these Presents may come, especially the High Priest, King and Scribe of each of the Royal Arch Chapters in the State of Utah, subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America—Fraternal Greetings:

"Whereas: It having come to my knowledge, from trustworthy sources, that the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Utah are desirous of forming a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in and for that State, and believing, from ascertained conditions prevailing there, that the interests of the Royal Craft, and of the individual Chapters of the State of Utah will be best conserved and promoted by the establishment of such a Grand Chapter, I do by these presents, and pursuant to Section 23 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, grant my approbation to the forming of such Grand Chapter, and I do hereby authorize the lawful representatives of the several Chapters in that State, or their duly appointed proxies, to assemble in Convention at Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 5, 1911, at 12 M., for the purpose of forming and establishing a Grand Royal Arch Chapter in and for the State of Utah, with power to adjourn, from time to time, until the purpose of said Convention shall be effectuated, and I suggest and recommend the observance of the rules and notes hereto appended, for the expediting of the business of said Convention.

"Trusting that the work of such Convention may prove successful in the establishment of a strong and vigorous Grand Chapter, I am,

"Fraternally yours,

"(Signed) NATHAN KINGSLEY,
"General Grand High Priest."

This Grand Chapter starts auspiciously with four Chapters, 549 members. The officers were elected and installed, and the Constitution and By-Laws adopted, and, by order of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, the Marshal then proclaimed the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah duly formed and constituted, and the officers thereof duly installed for the ensuing term.

The greater part of the book is the Constitution and By-Laws, which embody the best of Capitular Law and experience. Several of the provisions are not as we have them here:

WHO CAN OPEN.

"Sec. 41. In the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe, a Chapter can be opened by the Junior High Priest present.

NUMBER NECESSARY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

"Sec. 42. No chapter shall transact any business unless nine members are present, but it may open, close and confer degrees when nine Royal Arch Masons are present, provided one is a member and authorized to preside under Section 41."

M. E. Grand High Priest, CHARLES FRED. JENNINGS, Salt Lake City.

R. E. Grand Secretary, WILLIAM JAY SHEALY, Salt Lake City.

G. P. S.

VERMONT.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple in the city of Burlington at ten o'clock A. M. on Friday, the 16th day of June, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. HENRY S. ROOT, Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form,* with the assistance of the Grand Officers present.

M. E. HENRY S. ROOT, Grand High Priest.

The M. E. Grand High Priest feelingly speaks of the fraternal dead in his opening remarks, and calls attention to the condition of the Craft:

"Having attended the District Meetings in the eight different Districts from my observation and what I have been able to learn, as doubtless will be voiced by reports from the Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand High Priests, I feel highly gratified and pleased with the present existing conditions and feel that the Craft are on a higher plane of efficiency than ever before. I earnestly hope the present high standard will be maintained and even more be accomplished in the future, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the fruits we are gathering from the seeds sown and labor expended by our Past Grand Lecturer."

He commended the work of the District Deputies. He recommended as follows:

"I recommend that every Secretary of subordinate Chapters be instructed and requested to immediately after the decease of a Companion, send the Grand High Priest a notice of such death and any newspaper clippings and data they may possess, that the Committee on Necrology may have the same to aid them in making a complete report.

"I also recommend that this Grand Body promulgate a Statute, prohibiting the practice of using substitutes in the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. To me, it seems contrary to and in violation of our obligation. A Brother once exalted cannot be again exalted, and the use of substitutes should not be permitted except under the most extreme circumstances and only by permission of the Grand High Priest."

The report of Committee on Doings of Grand Officers calls attention to a most interesting fact:

"It has not often, if ever before, occurred, that we have had a Grand High Priest who has lived beyond the Scriptural allotted age of man, and yet be in the prime of life in looks and actions, as well as in mental vigor. He is not only a Root (M. E. Henry S.), but he is the Trunk and Branches, a whole Tree. This Tree may not have, as recorded in the Book of Revelation, stood "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river,' but it has yielded good fruit in the proper season and the leaves of this tree have been for the healing of all discord among the Companions, and satisfying the workmen with their wages, so that peace reigns supreme in Capitular Masonry in Vermont.

"This Tree (M. E. Companion Root) located near the line stands for Masonic Reciprocity with Canada, and welcomes his Brethren from the neighbor country to the north of the Green Mountain State on all proper occasions.

"But as Masonic law forbids any discussion of disputes of State or

Nation within the tiled Lodge room, we can only say of business reciprocity, that M. E. Companion Root, like President Taft, wears a smile that never comes off.

"May the years of our M. E. Grand High Priest be many and happy in the love of family, Companions and friends, and

"'When life's evening's nigh,'

may he gladly say in the language of the Scriptures,

"'Better the day of death than the day of one's birth.'"

The D. D. G. H. Priests made very full reports, from which I gather that Royal Arch Masonry is well instructed in Royal Arch lore, and that as a Body of Masons they represent a high degree of good fellowship, and live in peace and harmony.

The Grand Secretary gives the following statistics:

Number chartered Chapters	30
Number making returns	30
Number Royal Arch Masons, June, 1910	4,075
Number exalted	184
Number admitted	14
Number restored	2
Number dimitted	20
Number died	85
Number suspended	9
Number erroneously reported, 1910	12
Number Royal Arch Masons, June 1911	4,147
Net gain	72

M. E. Samuel T. Bradley, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

G. H.

VICTORIA—1909-1910.

There were four Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Victoria during these

years, largely for the transaction of routine business. Their is very little of interest contained in their printed reports to attract the attention of Sister Jurisdictions save that they do their business very methodically. They are printed in scarlet ink.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL.

"The Grand Scribe E. stated that the Most Em. the First Grand Principal desired to communicate:

"That on behalf of Royal Arch Masons in Victoria he had written the following letter to His Excellency the Governor:

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. F. OF VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, May 19, 1910.

To His Excellency, Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Bart, K.C.M.G., Governor of Victoria.

Your Excellency:

As First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, I have the honour to request that your Excellency will be pleased to express to His Majesty the King and the Royal Family the sincere regret with which the announcement of the death of his late Majesty King Edward the Seventh has been received by the Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria. I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

THOS. P. DERHAM.

and had received the following reply:

STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MELBOURNE, May 25, 1910.

Sir: I have the honour, by direction of the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of the expression of loyal sympathy and devotion forwarded by you, and to inform you that it has been transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be laid before His Majesty the King and the members of the Royal Family. I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

VICTOR NELSON HOOD, Private Secretary.

VICTORIA—1910-1911.

Four Convocations. Routine business and adoption of some new rules. Here is one:

MOTION *RE* FORM OF OPENING CHAPTERS.

"In accordance with notice of motion previously given, R. Em. Comp. R. D. Jones, P. G. J. moved: 'That this Grand Chapter considers the advisability of allowing all Companions to be present in Private Chapters at the opening of the Chapter.'

"R. Em. Comp. Jones said that it was impossible to state how the practice of excluding companions, who were not Principals from the opening ceremony, originated. In 1817 the Royal Arch degree was a component part of what we now call the Installed Masters' degree and an Installed Master had to take the Chair in a Lodge before he could take the Royal Arch degree. In the Installed Masters' degree, as now worked, brethren below that rank were not admitted and naturally the practice of excluding companions at the opening of a chapter seemed to be a relic. Master Masons of six months standing were now eligible to take the Royal Arch degree and there appeared to be no object in restricting the privilege to Principals only.

"The Grand Scribe E. reported that in accordance with instructions, he had communicated with the Supreme Chapter of England and ascertained that a motion was passed in May, 1902: 'That in the opinion of Supreme Grand Chapter, it is expedient that all Royal Arch Masons be permitted to be present at the opening of Private Chapters.'

"After some discussion, R. Em. Comp. Jones moved—'That this Supreme Grand Chapter sees no objection to all Companions being admitted at the opening of a private Chapter.' The motion was seconded by R. Em. Comp. Oakley, P. G. J., and carried.

CLOSING.

"All business being ended, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample, Antient and Solemn Form."

M. E. Comp. GEORGE E. EMERY, G. Z.

Comp. GEORGE L. MERQUAND, Grand Scribe E., 317 Collins Street, Melbourne.

G. P. S.

VIRGINIA—1910.

The One Hundred and Third Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Masonic Temple in the city of Richmond, Va., this Tuesday evening, October 25, A. L. 5910, A. D. 1910, A. I. 2440, at eight o'clock, when, after prayer by Grand Chaplain F. T. McFaden, D.D., the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. Ex. Grand High Priest Elias Lyons Guy.

M. Ex. Elias Lyons Guy, No. 1, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address is short and to the point. He was not called upon to make any decisions. Of Dispensations, he directed the following action: Permitting a Chapter "to ballot on applications for the degrees without awaiting the statutory time, if the District Deputy H. P. approved."

He approved of the following:

FRATERNAL VISITATIONS.

"It was with much pleasure that I granted permission to Mount Vernon R. A. Chapter, Number Fourteen, to visit LaFayette R. A. Chapter, Number Five, of the District of Columbia, for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch Degree in said Chapter by the officers of Number Fourteen.

"The occasion was very much enjoyed by our Companions of Alexandria, and highly appreciated by the Companions of the District, so much so, that LaFayette R. A. Chapter, Number Five, returned the visit of Number Fourteen, and with their officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in the Tabernacle of Number Fourteen.

"I learn from the Companions that this fraternal exchange of visitations was not only enjoyable, but tended to cement the bond of fraternity that should bind us to each other as Royal Arch Masons."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows:

Number of R. A. Masons reported for the year 1909		5,917
Exalted in 1909 and 1910	490	
Affiliated in 1909 and 1910	68	
Reinstated in 1909 and 1910	14	
Total gain for the year	572	572
		6,489
Deaths during past year, the largest in our history	83	
Withdrawals during the year	146	
Suspensions, N. P. D. during the year	35	
Suspensions, U. M. C. during the year	2	
Expelled by Lodges and Chapters during the year	6	
Total losses	272	272
Membership October 1, 1910		6,217
Net gain for the year		300

The Grand Lecturer, upon whom falls the most of the work in visiting Chapters and giving instructions, makes a very full report of his doings:

"This concludes my report. I have not exalted as many candidates this year as I did last, but the instruction has been more extended. In all I have only exalted 107 and conferred the subordinate degrees on fourteen others, making my total of exaltations fifteen hundrded and seven since I have been serving you as Grand Lecturer. I take this opportunity to return my heartfelt thanks to all the Chapters I have been with during my thirteen years service for their unvarying kindness and courtesy."

The Grand Representative from Pennsylvania, M. Ex. R. M. Ferguson, was present.

The Committee on Finance report:

"Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and find them accurately and well kept, and correct in every particular, all payments being sustained by proper voucher.

"Your Committee congratulates the Grand Chapter upon having such an efficient Grand Treasurer.

"In addition to the balance in bank, $203.29, we have two City of Richmond bonds of the face value of $400.00 and $8,600.00 respectively, bearing 4 per cent. interest.

"In addition to the foregoing the property of the Grand Chapter consists of set of jewels and paraphernalia, costing originally $360.00."

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

"COMPANIONS: Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing them to present 'A plan for Public Installation of Officers,' beg leave to report that, after careful consideration of the subject, they have come to the conclusion that by the proper selection from the forms as laid down in the Digest and Virginia Text-Book, such Chapters as desire to have a public installation of its officers have all that is necessary for such a ceremony. As your committee has been informed by the Grand Secretary that new editions of both Text-Book and Digest will soon have to be printed, that, when this is done, such combination can be made and published in the new Digest as will be suitable to all installations, private or public.

"NOTE—Attention is called to the fact that public installations shall only be had under authority of the Grand High Priest."

COMPENSATION AND DUTIES OF GRAND LECTURER.

The committee appointed at the One Hundred and Second Grand Annual Convocation to consider and recommend amendments to the Methodical Digest, relative to the compensation and duties of the Grand Lecturer, submitted the following report, which was duly considered and adopted:

"Amend Sections 73, 74 and 75 so as to read as follows:

"Section 73. The salary of the Grand Lecturer shall be $1,200 per annum, payable in monthly installments, which, with the amount of his traveling expenses, shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

"Section 74. Any Chapter requiring the Grand Lecturer to visit and instruct its members, shall pay his board and a per diem of two dollars per day for the time he is engaged. The per diem aforesaid shall be promptly paid to the Grand Secretary, and at the end of each calendar month the Grand Secretary shall pay to the Grand Treasurer the amount so paid, with an itemized statement, showing the amount and from what Chapters received.

"Section 75. So much as may be necessary is hereby annually appropriated for the compensation of the Grand Lecturer, out of which the Grand Treasurer is authorized to pay to the Grand Lecturer, on the first day of each month, upon presentation of an itemized bill for services and expenses incurred, under the two preceding sections, by the Grand Lecturer or his substitute."

Election of Officers.

The hour fixed in Section 15 of the Methodical Digest for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Ex. Companions L. W. Clark and J. Johnston Green to act as tellers, who, having received and counted the ballots, announced the following Companions duly elected to the offices affixed to their respective names:

M. Ex. William See Mathews,	No.	19.....	Grand High Priest.
R. Ex. Stanley Watkins Martin	"	15.....	Grand King.
R. Ex. Sol. Cutchins,	"	9.....	Grand Scribe.
M. Ex. George Wilson Poe,	"	9.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. Ex. James Braxton Blanks,	"	7.....	Grand Secretary.

Companion Charles A. Nesbitt courteously reviews Pennsylvania.

G. H.

VIRGINIA—1911.

The portrait of William See Mathews, G. H. P., adorns the first page. He wears a large Shriner badge, which strikes us as rather peculiar for Capitular Masonry.

The One Hundred and Fourth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of

Richmond, Va., Tuesday evening, October 24th, A. L. 5911, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at eight o'clock, when, after prayer by Acting Grand Chaplain JAMES Y. FAIR, D.D., the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. Ex. Grand High Priest WILLIAM SEE MATHEWS.

This is eloquent:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William See Mathews, presented and read the following address:

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia:

"Companions: As the blue curtain of the October skies, the purple banners of the sumac, the scarlet colors of the maple, the buff and russet tints of plant and tree proclaim the presence of another autumn, so we, under the divine blessings of our Supreme High Priest, have met for more than a century in annual conference with the regularity of this law of recurring seasons, and it is with most cordial and hearty greetings that I welcome you to this, the one hundred and fourth annual convocation of our Grand Chapter."

He speaks of the Schools of Instruction and Uniform Work as the result. His decisions were mostly those of the "Methodical Digest." He has settled three "knotty" conundrums about Past Masters. As the Companions of Virginia know, the Past Master's degree is a Blue Lodge degree in Pennsylvania—as, in our humble opinion, it ought to be in all Jurisdictions.

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"Companions: My term of office is about to close. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office which you have conferred upon me to the best of my ability, and whilst I have accomplished but little, I trust I have the true interest of Capitular Masonry at heart, and the principles and virtues it inculcates. Let us ever be true to its truths, which appeal to the finest fiber of the soul, and so beautifully told in Symbol and Allegory. Scientists tell us that the pearl is formed by a sharp grain of sand becoming imbedded in the soft, tender flesh of the

oyster. To alleviate this irritation, God has given it the power to throw around the sharp angles of this grain of sand the layers of pearl which eventuates in a beautiful jewel; and as the irritant of sin and selfishness has become imbedded in the human heart so God has given us the power, through the Masonic virtues, to cover this natural irritant with the pearly layers of brotherly love and affection which, when our Grand Overseer comes to inspect our work, may be received as jewels fit for the Master's Temple.

"W. S. MATHEWS, *Grand High Priest.*"

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 6,552, a net gain of 335. The report of the Grand Lecturer proves him to be a very busy man—36 schools of instruction, some of them for 8 days at a time, is "going some."

Companion CHARLES A. NESBIT, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents his first report, which is printed in the Appendix of 112 pages. He is very modest, as will be seen from his conclusion below, but he need make no apologies—his work is plumb, level and square. Pennsylvania, 1910, is given nearly three pages, and largely from the address of the Grand High Priest.

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"We present this, our first report on Correspondence, which is presumed to be a review of the doings and important events transpiring in other Grand Jurisdictions during the year 1909.

"The Proceedings of many Grand Bodies have not yet been received, but such as we have we have read carefully, endeavoring to cull something from each in the way of customs, opinions and general information that may be of value to our readers. We assure those for whom we performed the work—the members of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming—that we have learned much regarding Capitular Masonry in our efforts, and urge that if really interested in the progress of the Craft, that they spend at least one evening in reading the matter collected.

"Of the Correspondents of other Grand Jurisdictions, whom we recognize as the real educators in all branches of Masonry, and to whom

credit is largely due for the great reforms taking place each year, we only ask fraternal indulgence. It has already been noticed that the field is new to us, it is also well known that working under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is only educational in so far as Ritualistic Work is concerned, and that we have much to learn before our reports will be of value, except to our own members, and we have given them something to think over for a time.

"You will probably have occasion to differ with us in opinion; we expect it. When you do so, do not use gloves, throw them aside and hit hard. We are not sensitive, and hope to absorb some little information from those better posted, that we may deal it out again to our members, who are defenseless and in need of it.

"Our task is done, if not well done. We have done the best we could with the limited time at our disposal.

"With all good wishes for Companions everywhere.

"CHARLES A. NESBITT, *Chairman.*"

M. Ex. STANLEY WATKINS MARTIN, Grand High Priest, Lynchburg, Va.

R. Ex. JAMES BRAXTON BLANKS, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 55, Petersburg, Va. G. P. S.

WEST VIRGINIA—1910.

The genial face of a Pennsylvanian greets us as we open the Proceedings of our neighboring State, for WYNDHAM STOKES, G. H. P., 1910-1911, was born in Germantown, Pa., July 13, 1866. He was educated at Rittenhouse Academy, Philadelphia, and graduated from Lehigh University in 1888.

The Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Hinton, on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, A. D. 1910, A. I. 2440, at ten o'clock A. M.

Subordinate Chapters, 35; members, 4,732, net gain of 244.

The portrait of JAMES LUKE, G. H. P., 1909-1910, appears on the page preceding his excellent address.

"Past Grand High Priest, K. D. Walker, presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, At the opening and closing of a Royal Arch Chapter the Grand Hailing Sign of a M. M. will be omitted in all Chapter work.

K. D. WALKER.

"The resolution was adopted, on motion of Companion H. R. Howard, seconded by Companion D. K. Reed."

Under "In Memoriam," the portraits of JOHN DUNBAR BAINES, Ex. Grand Master of the Third Vail, and M. Ex. G. H. P. JAMES MCCAHON, who died during 1910, appear. The portraits of K. D. WALKER, G. H. P., 1876-77, and of BRAXTON D. GIBSON, G. H. P., 1891-92, also are given.

One hundred pages in the appendix contain the report of the Correspondence Committee, D. K. REED and F. E. NICHOLS.

"We herewith present our first report on Foreign Correspondence, and we feel safe in saying it will be our only report of the kind, for we are doing this under pressure of circumstances which we could neither conscientiously attempt to control nor consistently try to change, and it is not likely the same or even similar circumstances will occur again in such a manner as to have us in the 'toils;' so it is, we are permitted, almost within the same instant, to reach out one hand for a welcome and extend the other with a kindly 'God bless you, good bye.'

"To explain a little more fully: After the death of our Beloved Companion J. D. Baines, we asked the Grand High Priest whom he would have to write the Correspondence Report, and he replied, 'I will leave it with the Committee.' Knowing too well our inability to measure up to the standard of Companion Baines, we urged that he do otherwise, but he firmly stood by his first reply. So we took up the work, not as a

matter of choice, but as one of duty. For that reason we can, in a way, consider that we are not responsible for results, and might, with impunity, strike impudently here and viciously there, little caring but knowing full well that we could get away and under cover before the guilt could be located, but it is our purpose to do as nearly the opposite as possible. It is our desire to be fair and kind and courteous to all, and make simply a plain review of that which comes before us, with perhaps a dash of opinion or humour here or there, which is not intended for either criticism or offence.

"Beyond that, we deem apology superfluous, and will explain that in undertaking this work, we agreed to divide it between the 'twa o' us,' 'half and half.' We also agreed that should, peradventure, any good and praiseworthy points develop, we each would claim them as parts of his work, and should any bad points show up, we each would graciously allow them to be accredited to the other. We also agreed to keep our eyes and ears open and our mouths shut, and so long as we both keep the faith, it will take a 'good one' to fasten a particularly good or bad point on either one of us."

These Companions need have no fear that their report will be criticized, for they have made good—Pennsylvania gets four pages of notice for we are the *rara avis* in Capitular Masonry. This is how others see us:

"In the work at hand we have come to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, whose book of proceedings for 1909 is open on the table before us, but in attempting a review of these proceedings we will confess, being a new one in the business, that we are troubled somewhat 'with a feeling of fear and trembling,' for our Companions in Pennsylvania are so different from Royal Arch Masons everywhere else, and we feel that our powers of comprehension are not equal to the task and will therefore lead us into error and wrong doing, from which we will never be redeemed until the morning after the Judgment Day, and according to the rules of one Correspondent, the dignity of our Grand Chapter will go down, while that of Pennsylvania will go up a little higher.

"Our Companions in Pennsylvania have *Communications* instead of Convocations, and they have four of them quarterly and one annually.

"Their Grand Chapter is "*Holy,*" while all the rest are not.

"Their Order of High Priesthood is conferred in the Grand Chapter.

"The election of officers is held in the fourth Quarterly, which this time came on the 2d of December, and they are not installed until during the Annual Communication on the following St. John the Evangelist's

day, which came on December 27th, at which time their official year begins.

"They open in Ample Form as all the rest of us do, and close in "*Peace,*" which we *hope* all the rest of us do.

"The Grand High Priest is installed while open in the Order of High Priesthood, and all who have not been so 'anointed, consecrated and set apart' are required to retire, after which all are readmitted and the other Grand Officers are installed in the presence of all.

"Their first five Grand Officers are all 'Most Excellents,' instead of having one 'Most Excellent' and four *Right* Excellents as *we* others do.

"They do not have the Past Master's degree.

"They have *eight* Grand Chaplains, instead of one as other Grand Chapters have.

"Their Correspondence Committee consists of five, all of whom are required to do a part of the work, instead of letting the Chairman do it all, as nearly every other Grand Chapter does.

"And other differences there are, but they are too numerous to be presented in the short space and time we have.

"When we contemplate these differences, we first are set to wondering, which after all only means that we do not understand, then as we go on investigating, we soon realize that we are getting thoughtful, and soon again it begins to dawn upon us that possibly they are about right after all, and as that idea properly rounds out and gets full possession of us, we find our 'hands involuntarily raised' into that shape and manner which makes the sign of Admiration, and we no longer find fault with our Companions in Pennsylvania."

They quote at length from Comp. SUNDSTROM's Circular Letter of Instructions to the D. D. G. H. P's, and say it is "good law, good instruction, good practice." We add their

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"There, our work is done, and our satisfaction thereat, is somewhat akin to that of the Texas cowboy, who got the worst of the argument with an unruly steer, whose first words were, after regaining consciousness some hours later, 'Well, I have the satisfaction of knowing I did my durndest anyway.'

"So, we feel, we have done our best, and whether it be 'for weal or woe,' we will have to leave to those who read.

"If we have offended, we stand ready with apology. If we have pleased, we are doubly pleased in turn. But of one thing we are sure, that which we at first undertook as a duty, soon grew to be a pleasure, for we hold

that no man of even most ordinary mind, can long work among or handle these perfect specimens of skill, taken from the workshops of the most brilliant minds in Masonry, and not experience both pleasure and profit thereby. And while we know *our* work will not measure up to the standard and that the 'pace already set' is too swift for us to follow, yet we *do know* that we are not too obtuse to appreciate it as a rare and enviable honor, to be thus permitted to enjoy the privilege of working, even for one short year, among those Grand Old Masters who shape the mind and matter of all the world, in Masonry."

The portrait of Grand Lecturer JNO. W. ASHLEY adorns the last page—from the badge on his lapel he has traveled the rough sands of the desert.

Comp. WYNDHAM STOKES, Welch, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. REED, P. G. H. P., Clarksburg, R. E. Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at ten o'clock A. M.

The address of G. H. P. WYNDHAM STOKES fills ten pages, and he strikes from the shoulder. If the Companions in the other Jurisdictions would restore the Past Master's degree to the Blue Lodge, where it belongs by history and tradition, they would have no such troubles.

This degree has caused a great deal of trouble in this State, owing to the fact that it is still an open question as to whether or not Past

Masters who have received that degree in the Chapter can be present at a Provisional Lodge of Past Masters. The degrees are identically the same in both the Blue Lodge and the Chapter, and I have never seen any good reason assigned for excluding the Chapter Past Masters, except the trouble with the obligation.

"In Virginia, Chapter Past Masters are allowed to sit in a Provisional Past Master's Lodge, and vice versa, without objection. Frequently it is necessary to use Chapter Past Masters in order to organize a Provisional Lodge, and not infrequently the degree can only be conferred by a Chapter Past Master.

"I have had a discussion about this matter with Brother Gibson, a Past Grand Master, and he has agreed with me that the obligations of the degree in both Blue Lodge and Chapter should be so changed that it would be unnecessary to reobligate these men in either the Chapter or the Blue Lodge, and do away with the anomaly that now exists.

"As the obligation of the Past Master's degree is not a landmark, I would suggest that the necessary change be made, and Chapter Past Masters admitted without objection to Provisional Lodges of Past Masters, and vice versa."

Another question we have solved long ago in Pennsylvania by making it Law, that suspension from the Blue Lodge automatically has the same effect in the Chapter. Our English Brethren have much of our Chapter work in their Blue Lodge, and for many years the Capitular degrees were given in the Pennsylvania Blue Lodges.

"The question of good standing in the Chapter when the member is not in good standing in the Blue Lodge, or of his suspension for non-payment of dues, or in the Commandery, where dues have not been paid in either the Chapter or Blue Lodge, is a subject which has given me a good deal of trouble.

"In many cases men are in good standing in the Chapter, and attend its meetings, who have not paid their dues in the Blue Lodge, and I am told this is especially true in the Commandery.

"I have given this matter considerable thought, and the only solution I can find of the difficulty is to have the Secretary refuse to receive the dues of a Companion in a Chapter unless he produces a receipt from the Secretary of the Blue Lodge. As the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery are separate bodies, but membership in the two higher Orders

is dependent upon membership in the lower, deference should be had to the action of the Blue Lodge in regard to its dues, and I should, therefore, recommend that when the member of the Chapter presents his dues to the Secretary, he should be required to file, at the same time, a receipt from the Secretary of the Blue Lodge, showing his standing to be good. A joint receipt signed by the Secretary of the Blue Lodge and the Chapter and the Recorder of the Commandery would probably solve this problem; but such a receipt should be in the hands of the Secretary of the Chapter, and the receipt from the Blue Lodge destroyed before the receipt is issued to it. If this is done, we will avoid any further trouble in regard to suspensions in the lower Orders of Masonry."

He made several decisions, and we agree that this one is especially important and logical.

"August 28. I received a communication from Beckley Chapter, U. D., inquiring whether a Master Mason who had been shot in the knee since receiving the Master Mason's degree could be exalted. This matter gave me some trouble, but, acting under the advice of Brother Howard, I advised Beckley Chapter, U. D., that if this man could not kneel, he could not comply with the ritual; that the laws of the Grand Lodge applied to the Grand Chapter where the Grand Chapter had no law upon that subject, and that he could not, therefore, receive the degrees."

Comp. HIRAM R. HOWARD is Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, and is a facile writer. He wastes no ink on Pennsylvania, probably because he had not received our Proceedings.

Comp. HARRY S. CUSHWA, Martinsburg, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Comp. D. K. REED, P. G. H. P., Clarksburg, R. E. Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

WISCONSIN.

On opening these Proceedings we see the countenance of E. L. URQUHART, G. H. P. A good, strong face, indeed.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Ample Form* in the Royal Arch degree in the Masonic Building, corner Jefferson and Oneida Streets, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday morning, February 21st, at ten o'clock.

At eleven o'clock the distinguished visitor, Most Excellent General G. H. P. NATHAN KINGSLEY, of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. A., was announced and admitted. After the proper exchange of greetings a recess was declared to give every delegate present a chance to personally meet and exchange courtesies with the guest of honor.

The address of G. H. P. WALTER A. WEST is given in full in 12 pages. His decisions are not of general interest. We are sorry our Companions have to use "Keys." In his conclusion he pays a high tribute to the Grand Secretary R. E. W. W. PERRY:

"Companions, it has never been my lot to meet a more zealous Craftsman than our Grand Secretary. Throughout the length and breadth of our Grand Jurisdiction his name stands out as the name of a man who is always doing good. Every Mason in this Jurisdiction knows him, and knowing him, loves him. Let us, my companions, emulate his example, and while we yet live to try to lift up some fallen brother. Some brother who is discouraged: Take him by the hand. If he be poor in purse, assist him. If he be morally poor, point out to him the right path. That path in which there are no broken hearts—that path which is walked in by our Grand Secretary."

The Grand Secretary's report shows 9,940 members, net gain of 372; 82 Chapters, with 74 represented; 18 P. H. P.'s present.

The Correspondence report was presented by Comp. SAMUEL WRIGHT, and although he says

"As heretofore we have endeavored to include only such matters as in our judgment would interest Companions of our Jurisdiction.

"We have been somewhat criticised by other correspondents for our 'brevity,' but as yet have heard no complaint on that line from our constituents, from which we infer that at least on that point they are perfectly satisfied."

we see no reason why anyone should "knock." Pennsylvania is given at least a full page.

ELIAS L. URQUHART, Medford, Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

WYOMING.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming Royal Arch Masons met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Thursday, April 6, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at ten o'clock A. M., Comp. JESSE CONVERSE (with a good portrait in the frontispiece), M. E. G. H. P. in the Grand East. His address is given in full. He made no important decisions. We clip this, which is of interest:

"On December 24, 1910, I received from Past Grand High Priest Alexander B. Andrews, of North Carolina, a very carefully prepared table of statistics giving the number of Knight Templars, Royal Arch and Master Masons in the United States.

"Here is what he has to say concerning Royal Arch Masons:

" 'Figures are not at hand to calculate the correct number of Royal Arch Masons returned in 1910, but an approximation can easily be arrived at by using the 1908 figures, which totaled 351,145 and the 1909 figures

which totaled 365,853, showing an increase of 4.21 per cent. If that increase kept up in 1910, the number should be 381,255, affiliated Royal Arch Masons.' "

He has the real spirit, as is proven by this:

"As the time draws near when I shall be called upon to surrender the goal to my successor, the thought uppermost in my mind is the noble purpose of Royal Arch Masonry. It is speculative, it is a creature of symbolism, it inculcates reverence, it honors the zealous workman, it teaches resignation, the practice of virtue and pride of genealogy, by rough and rugged roads it brings its children out of the wilderness into the light of knowledge and restores to them the law and the truth. Its signet is truth, and its watchword, holiness.

"The Royal Arch Chapter is the most secret of all, it never appears in a body in public processions or ceremonies of any kind. For this reason, little or nothing is known about the Chapter except by its own members. Let me urge upon you the thought that it is this very modesty of presentation and this secrecy of conduct that gives to Capitular Masonry a strength all its own. The lessons of Service are most beautifully and impressively taught in the Degree of Mark Master Mason and in the Royal Arch Degree.

The Correspondence report by Comp. Adrian J. Parshall is the greater part of the brochure. Pennsylvania, 1909, is given a fair and comprehensive treatment in three pages.

"The Report on Correspondence is prepared and submitted by a Committee of five Companions, whose initials are placed under the Jurisdiction reviewed.

"Under California, we find the following comment by Comp. William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P., which we excerpt for the benefit of a few Wyoming Masons, and a few who thought they were Masons:

" 'There is one subject to which we of this Jurisdiction must take exception, that is the recognition accorded to an association called the "Eastern Star," it never has received and in all probability never will receive any recognition in this Jurisdiction.'

"We applaud the Companion for his candor, and agree with him that recognition should be out of the question. There is such an organization in this State; it is recognized to about the same extent that the Mystic Shrine is recognized, not really seriously.

"We also desire to quote from the Committee's 'Conclusion,' which is

signed by the entire Committee, referring to 'imagery and Symbolism to which so much of our Masonic writings are adorned (?).'"

Comp. JACOB F. HOOP, Grand High Priest, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Comp. ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, P. G. H. P., Grand Secretary and Correspondent, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

G. P. S.

CONCLUSION.

"Search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life." So spoke the meek and lowly Nazarene to those who doubted His power to heal the sick and who, in their narrowness, thought it unlawful that this healing should have been done on the Sabbath.

Again and again the lessons taught in Freemasonry are brought to mind. Each degree has its teaching, each symbol its meaning. There is no lack of "line upon line or precept upon precept."

The Proceedings just reviewed, through the addresses of the Grand High Priests and the reports of Committees on Necrology, teem with these lessons and emphasize their teachings. But how little is heard of the lessons learned in Freemasonry. Now and then a conspicuous act, peculiarly Masonic, attracts attention, and our hearts leap up with joy in recognition of a lesson learned.

In our Chapter meetings we solemnly promise to search the Scriptures and to keep God's holy word. Haltingly or trippingly we say the words, and straightway forget either to search or keep.

When the lawyer asked a question of the Savior, saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" he was told, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy

neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hangeth the whole law and the prophets."

A search of the Scriptures reveals this great law, a law amplified and symbolized in a thousand ways in our great fraternity. Love to God and of our fellow man. What is the *lost word* when found? What is our duty to those bound to us by such solemn ties?

Our Charity Committees, our Masonic Homes, fraternal acts manifold—these show that at least the lesson of love for our fellow has been well learned. But these are general manifestations. Let us learn the concrete and by personal service love our neighbor as ourselves. Love! this is the essence which must be in our hearts to God and man, for "On these two commandments hangeth the whole law and the prophets."

S. B.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1911.

Year	First Grand Chief	Second Grand Chief	Third Grand Chief	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lesenre	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Leseure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Leseure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thom son
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	Wiliam B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1911.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name	Constituted in	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Name and Address of Secretary
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Schriver, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	William L. Marshall, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	James H. Anderson, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	John W. McDowell, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	William D. Butler, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Frank W. Simmons, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Codding, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William Seddon, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Henshey, Hollidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	Third Thursday	William A. Kamarer, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Bradley W. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Wm. E. Wormald, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Timothy Davis, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	First Tuesday	James D. Roberts, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	R. K. Portser, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	William J. Carson, Pittsburgh
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Francis M. Sheffer, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	David P. Shultz, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	James H. Wright, Corry
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thurs. on or before full moon	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	George B. Johnston, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	John S. Bradley, Titusville
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown, Phila	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred. W. Moser, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Allegheny	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	Saturday after full moon	John M. Krupp, Lansdale
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Ira S. Wolcott, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Cyrus H. Blood, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila.	Third Wednesday	Samuel Y. Dingee, Tacony, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Second and fourth Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgeway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	I. Henry Mott, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	Thomas E. Weber, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	William G. Kramer, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Third Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Wednesday after full moon	Fred. A. Reen, Watsontown
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William F. Rupp, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	John P. Norman, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	William C. Ash, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Fourth Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburgh
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Edward A. Priee, Jr., Media
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Ambrose D. Sloan, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thurs. on or before full moon	Charles N. Greene, Troy, Bradford
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesdav	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John P. Reighart, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	William A. Ritter, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Dan. A. Skelly, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Second Tuesday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Irving C. Lewis, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	First Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	Wednesday after full moon	James F. Maekereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randal, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Charles A. Diekinson, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connelsville	1900	Connellsville	Second Thursday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsv'e

No.	Name	Constituted in	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Name and Address of Secretary
284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Tuesday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N.S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	William D. Cowan, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem	First Friday	Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	N. Henry Sieger, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Third Wednesday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald

MARK LODGES.

91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia	Second Monday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1911.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem	55	6	13	2	1	664
21	Perseverance	18	1	3	1		298
43		17	1	4			349
52	Harmony	21	7	33	6	18	1,213
91	Columbia	48	4	7	2	4	742
150	Washington	6	1	2	4	6	262
152	Reading	13	5	5	2		249
159	Schuylkill	1					49
161	Union	9		4	3		204
162	Zerubbabel	42	7	18	2	12	1,158
163	La Fayette	7					143
164	Brownsville	6		2		2	146
165	Union	11	1	2		8	219
166	Mount Moriah	3	4				107
167	Eureka	6		3			149
169	Philadelphia	8	1	12	4	12	263
170	Delta	20	4	3	9	5	346
171	St. John's	10		2	1		137
172	Temple			1			111
173	Easton	8	3	4	2		304
174	Northumberland	8	2	2		1	133
175	Keystone	35	1	14	4	8	622
176	George Washington	6	1	2	1	8	136
177	Tamaqua	6	1	1	1	3	76
178	Catawissa	2	1				39
179	Eureka	3		3		3	157
180	Warren						43
181	Lilly	2		2	1		136
182	Shekinah	10	5	2	2	14	361
183	Oriental	43	3	26	5		1,200
185	Lackawanna	7	1	7	2	2	441
186	Lewistown	10		4			109
187	Oriental	1			1		93
189	Mountain	7	3	10			353
190	Norristown	11	1	4	1	4	414
191	Solomon	1	1				98

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
192	Urania	5		3		1	334
193	Duquesne	39	9	14	5	5	927
194	Tioga	8				2	75
195	Portage	33	1	3	1		246
196	Mountain City	1		1			171
197	Weidle	6		2			164
198	Phœnix	15		3		1	242
199	Howell	12	4	3			258
200	Columbus	3		3	2		91
201	Standing Stone	2	1	3	1		101
202	Howell	8		6			140
203	Allen	4		5		1	285
204	Anthony Wayne	4		1	1		84
205	Factoryville	1			2	7	68
206	Harmony	7					190
207	Aaron	5		2	1	2	77
208	Germantown	22	2	6	1	5	319
209	Samuel C. Perkins	5		1			78
210	Great Bend		1	1	1	2	33
211	Venango	3		1		16	217
212	Mound	18		1		1	198
214	Valley	2		3			85
215	Temple	21	2	9	5	6	383
216	Zinzendorf	8	1		3	1	105
217	Allegheny	17		10		3	773
218	Bloomsburg	7	1	4			94
219	Griscom	2		1			104
220	Fort Washington	12	2				84
221	Tremont	1		2		5	75
222	Lycoming	22	1	10		2	425
223	Oxford	7		3	1	2	107
224	Corinthian			3			123
225	Jefferson	5		4	5	5	261
226	Siloam	27	1	5	3	5	282
227	Emporium	1		2		5	93
228	Clearfield	8			3	4	180
230	Elk	11	1	1	2		145
232	St. John	18	1	7		23	261
233	Kensington	14		19	2	4	518
234	Media	2	3	2		1	117
235	Occidental	3		1			164

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
236	Oil City	3	2	4	1	3	245
237	Excelsior	16		4	3	8	461
238	Newport	5	1	4		2	64
239	Danville	5		1		6	81
240	Palestine	48	9	15	3	7	613
241	Bellefonte	4	1	2			98
242	Pittston	16	6	3	1	2	169
243	T. B. Freeman	27	2	19	4	4	812
244	Norman	9		5	1	1	186
245	Abington	10	1	1	1		130
246	Warrior Run	6				4	140
247	Orient	3		6		3	250
248	Temple	14	2	4	4	6	293
249	Monongahela	3			1	4	194
250	Corinthian	17	2	11	3	7	353
251	Signet	11	3	2	6	4	234
252	Mizpah	4		2		1	94
254	Arnold	4					41
255	Bedford	7		3		2	85
256	University	44	2	7	5	3	668
257	Shiloh	33	3	7	2	4	607
258	Chester	9	1	8	2	1	368
259	Eden	7	1	3	1		177
260	Bradford	3	4	5	5	2	277
261	Troy	9	1	2	1	2	83
262	Montgomery	11	2	2		5	214
263	Coudersport	7		2			86
264	Shamokin	4		2	2	1	143
265	Westfield	2	1	2			36
266	Good Samaritan	1		1			115
267	Coatesville	10		1		1	165
268	Pittsburgh	36		2	3	5	526
269	Ulysses	2				1	39
270	Doylestown						123
271	Pottstown	9		1			194
272	Hebron	5					92
273	Butler	28	5	2	1	8	235
274	Bangor	3					98
275	Kennett	6	1	2	1		65
276	The Susquehanna			1			72
277	Hazleton	4		1			169

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
278	Catasauqua	8		2		1	150
279	Kane	9		1	3	4	89
280	Cyrus	22		3	38	1	281
281	Monroe	13		2			125
282	McKeesport	61	2	3	1	1	513
283	Connellsville	11		1	1		141
284	Melita	81	3	4	4		635
285	Wilkinsburg	26	3	2	2	13	299
286	Bellevue	24			1		242
287	Nanticoke			1			32
288	Mizpeh	15	1	1	1		196
289	Valley	9		2			131
290	Monessen	15		1	1		129
291	Ezra	3		2			77
292	Slatington	13					56
293	Amity	16	16	2			56
294	Darius	16	4				55
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